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SHIVAJI

A born leader, a fearless warrior and a shrewd military strategist, Shivaji resorted to guerilla warfare techniques to outmanoeuvre his formidable adversaries – the Mughal masters of the North and the Bahmani sultans of the South. His exploits hastened the decline of Mughal power and gave rise to a new power in India – the Marathas. His love for freedom has made him a national icon in India.

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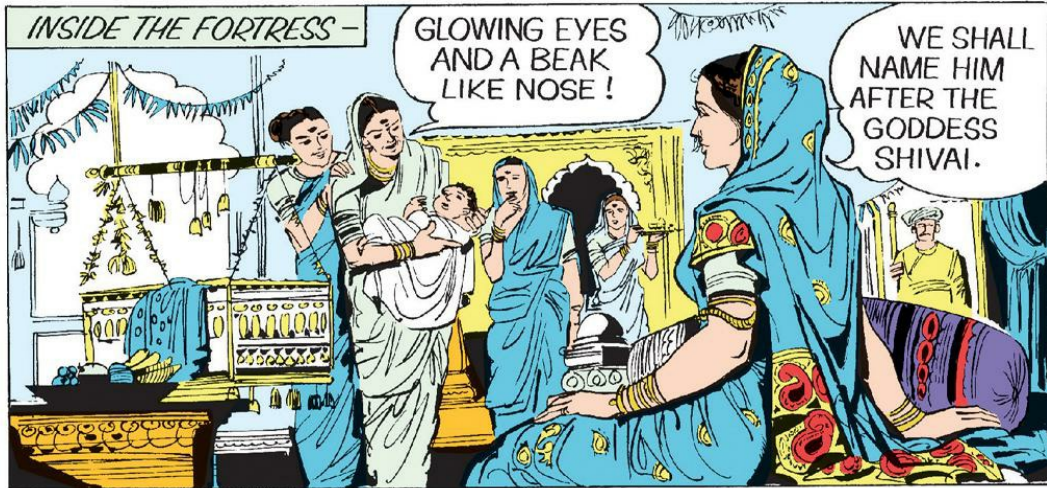
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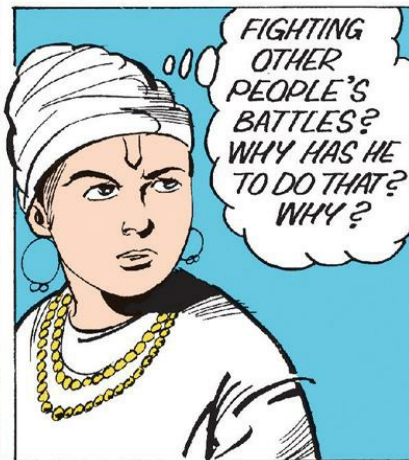
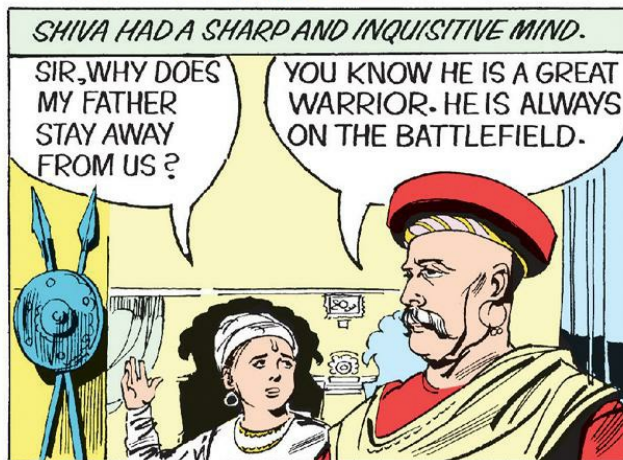
IT WAS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR 1630. THE SUN WAS ABOUT TO SET, WHEN THE DRUMS IN THE FORTRESS OF SHIVNERI, IN MAHARASHTRA, PROCLAIMED THE NEWS THAT A SON WAS BORN TO JIJABAI. HER HUSBAND SHAHAJI WAS AWAY, FIGHTING BATTLES FOR THE SULTAN OF BIJAPUR. FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE MARATHAS HAD BEEN UNDER THE SUPPRESSION OF FOREIGN RULERS. AT THE TIME OF SHIVAJI'S BIRTH, BESIDES THE SULTAN, THERE WAS THE GREAT MUGHAL EMPEROR OF DELHI AND THE ABYSSINIAN GENERAL FROM BIJAPUR, THE SIDDHI JOHAR.

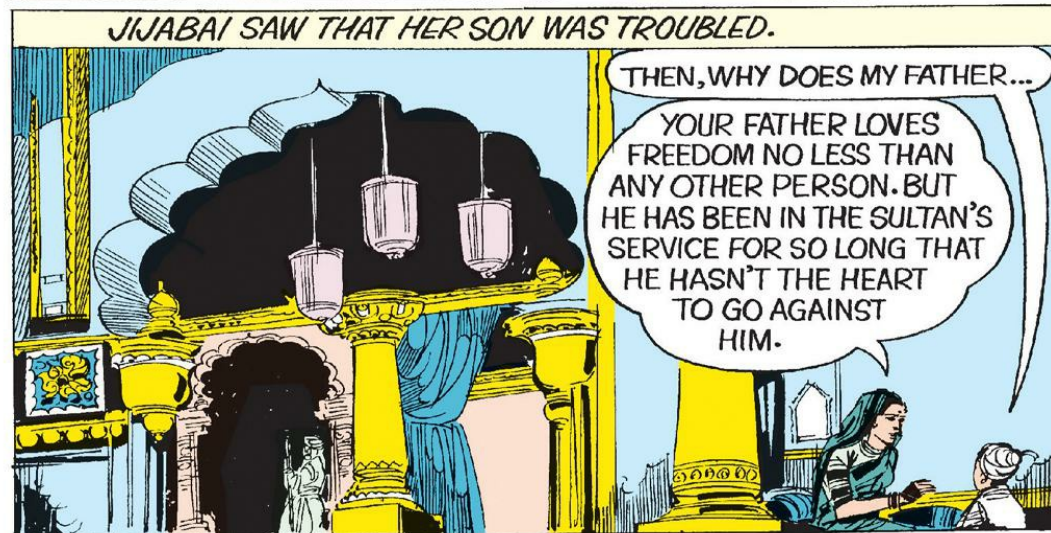
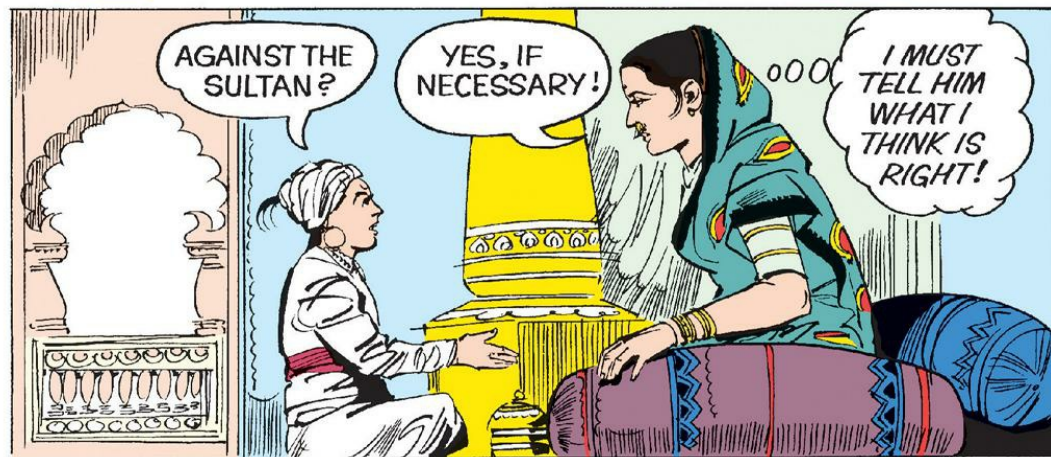
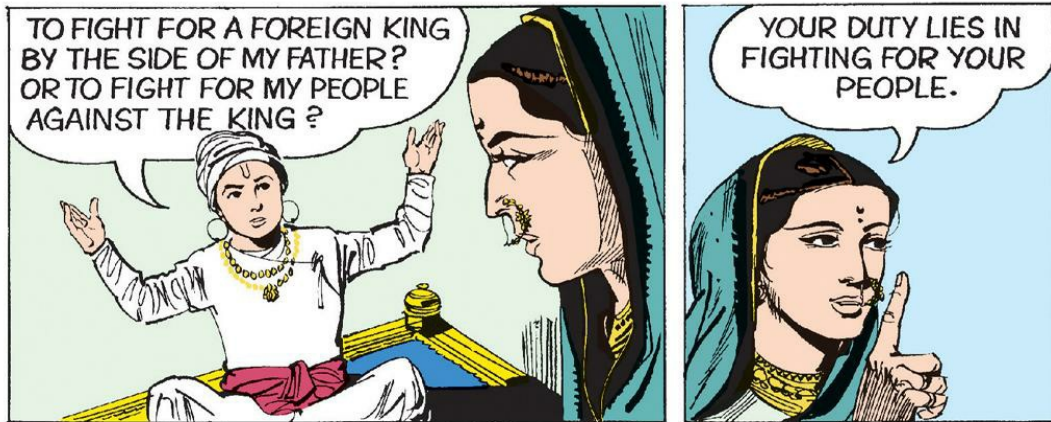


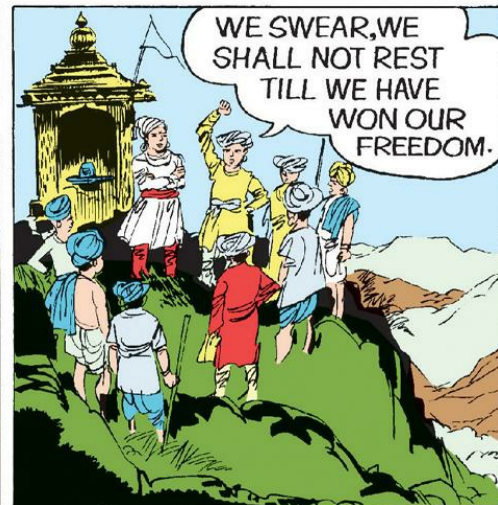
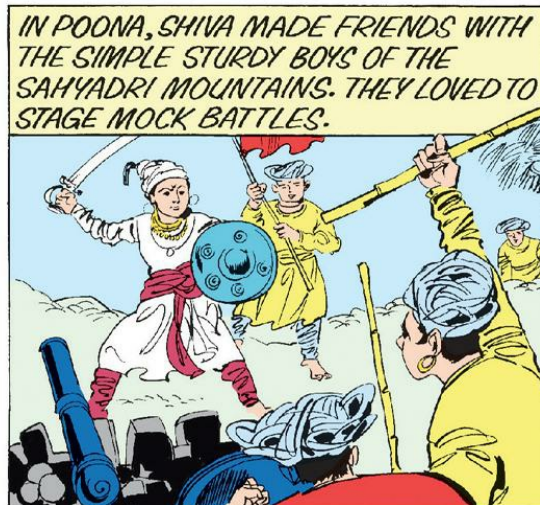
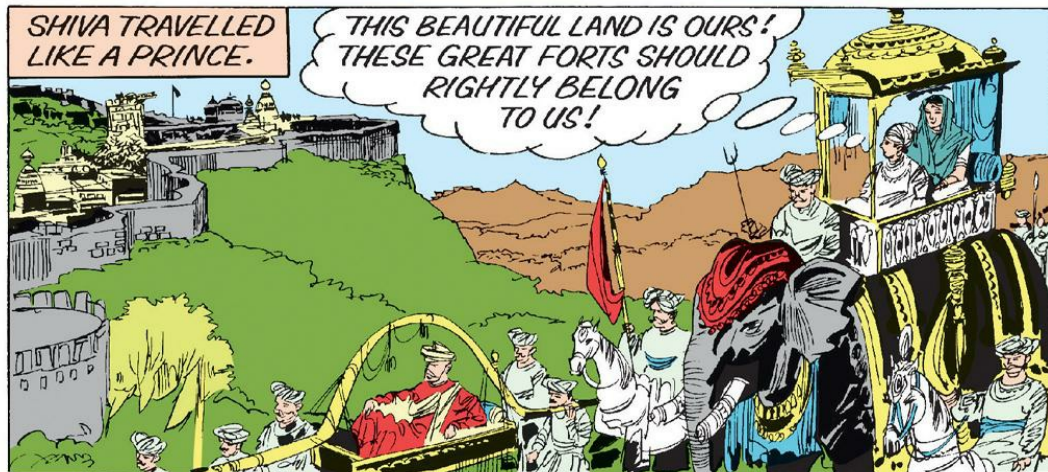
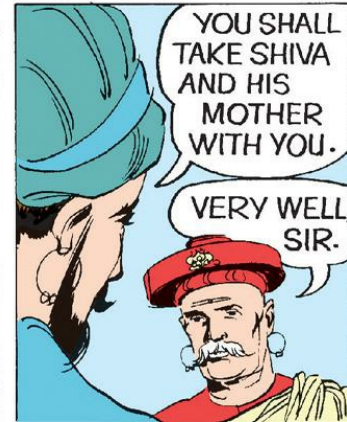
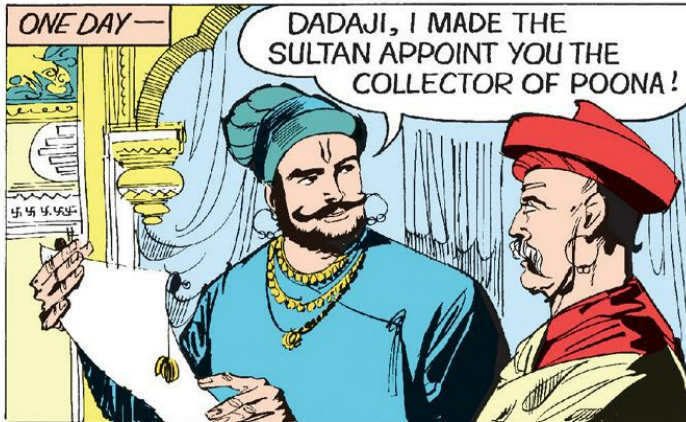


WHEN SHIVA GREW TO BE A LITTLE BOY, SHAHAJI TOOK HIM TO BIJAPUR AND PLACED HIM UNDER A GREAT TEACHER, DADAJI KOND-DEO.









THOUGH APPOINTED TO COLLECT REVENUE, DADAJI BECAME THE VIRTUAL RULER OF POONA. RIGHT UNDER HIS NOSE, SHIVA MADE BOLD PLANS.

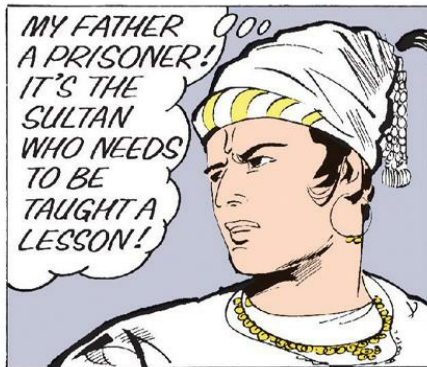
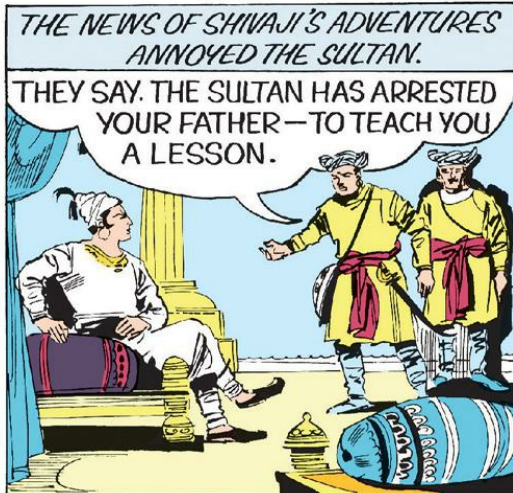


THE FIRST IMPORTANT FORT SHIVAJI CONQUERED WAS TORNA.



JIJABAI BLESSED HIS EFFORTS.

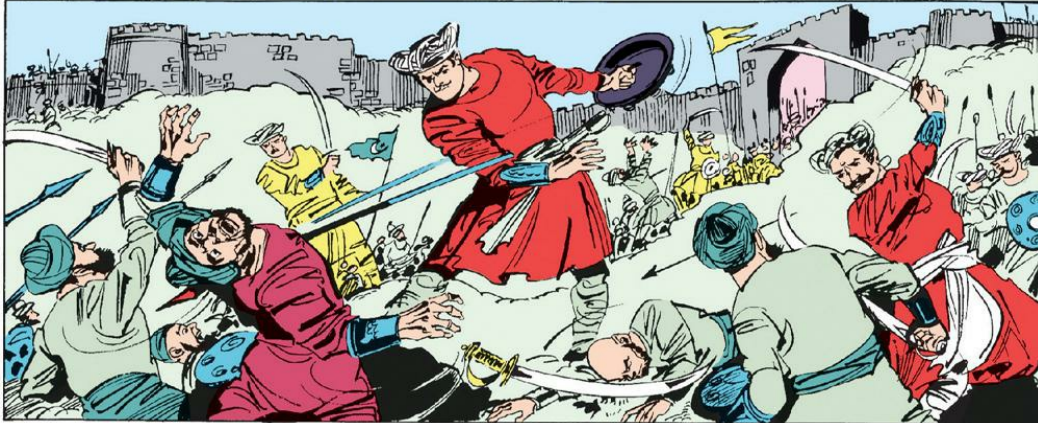




SOME OF THE ENEMY TROOPS HAD ENCAMPED IN A SMALL FORTRESS. SHIVAJI'S FORCES ATTACKED AND DEFEATED THEM.



AND WHEN THE ENEMY TRIED TO ATTACK THE FORT AT PURANDAR, IT WAS DRIVEN AWAY WITH EVERY MEANS AT HAND.



THE SULTAN HAD LEARNT HIS LESSON.

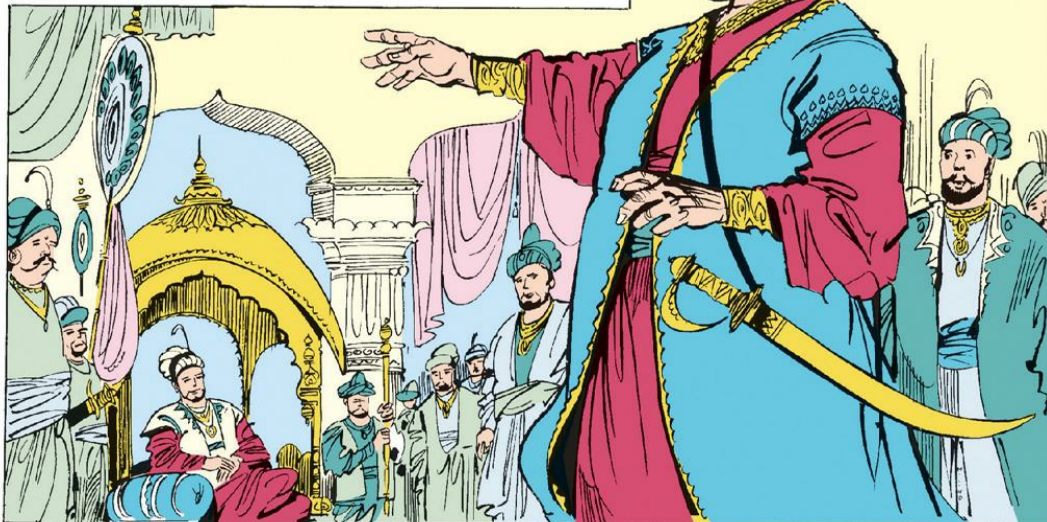


RELEASE SHAHAJI!
TREAT HIM
WITH HONOUR!

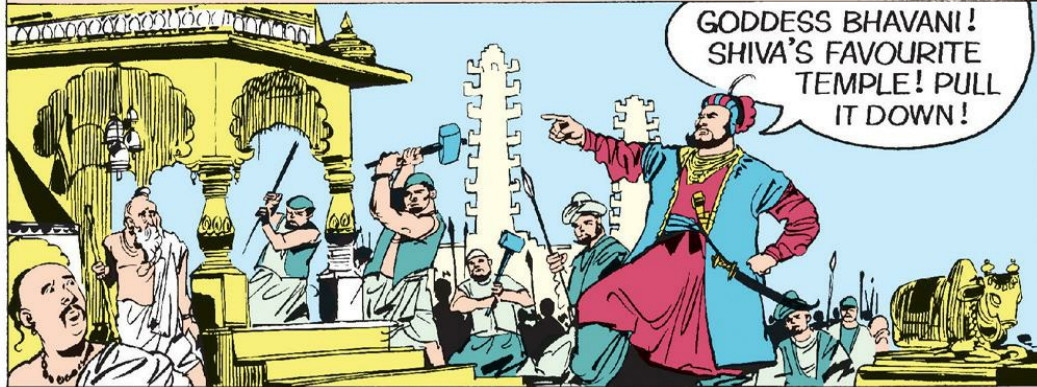
BUT VENGEANCE WAS IN THE
AIR. SOON AFZUL KHAN,
BIJAPUR'S MIGHTY SOLDIER
STARTED WITH A HUGE ARMY
AGAINST SHIVAJI.



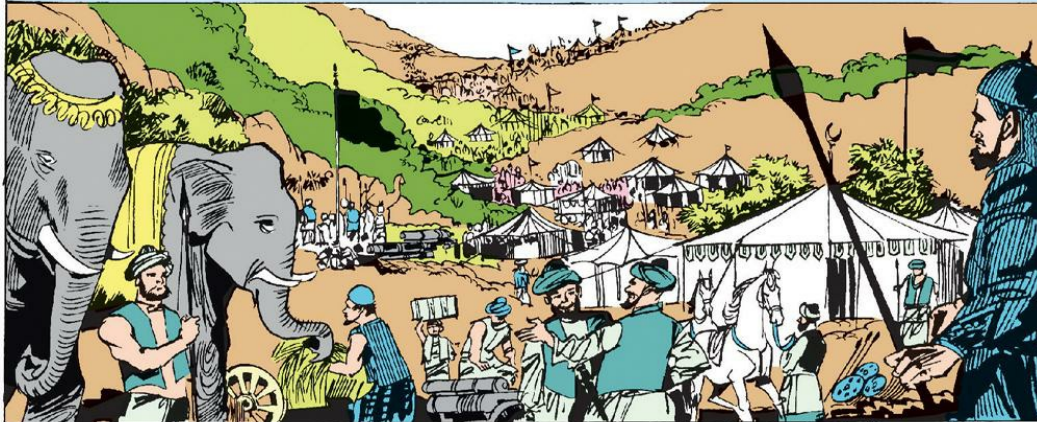
I WILL
CATCH THAT
MOUNTAIN
RAT -
DEAD OR
ALIVE!



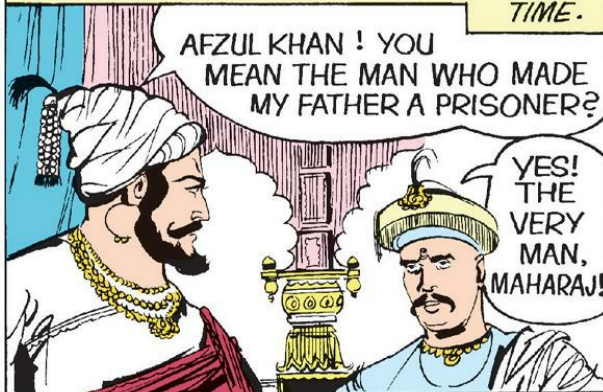
HE SWOOPED ON TOWNS AND VILLAGES SPREADING TERROR AND RUIN.



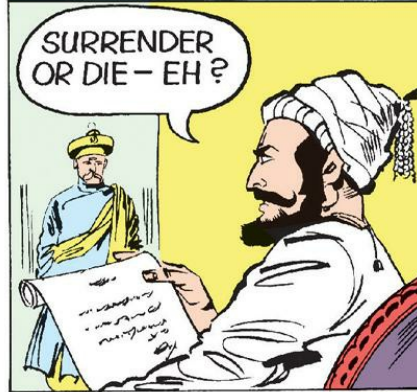
AFZUL KHAN'S ARMY THEN CAMPED IN THE MOUNTAINOUS DISTRICT OF WAI, AND PLUNDERED THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

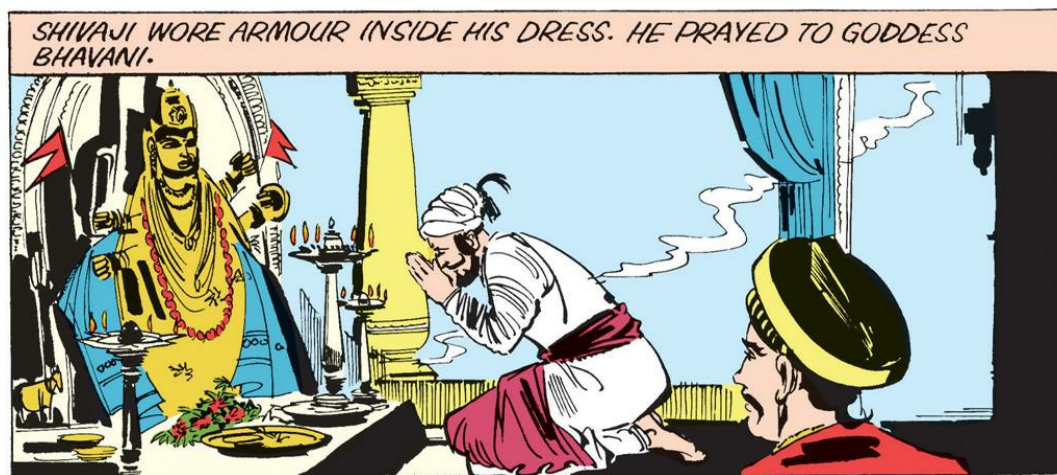
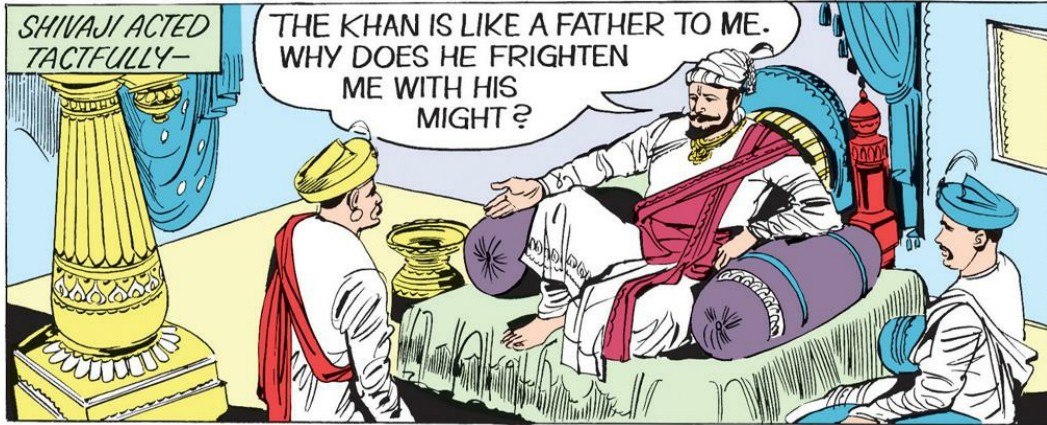


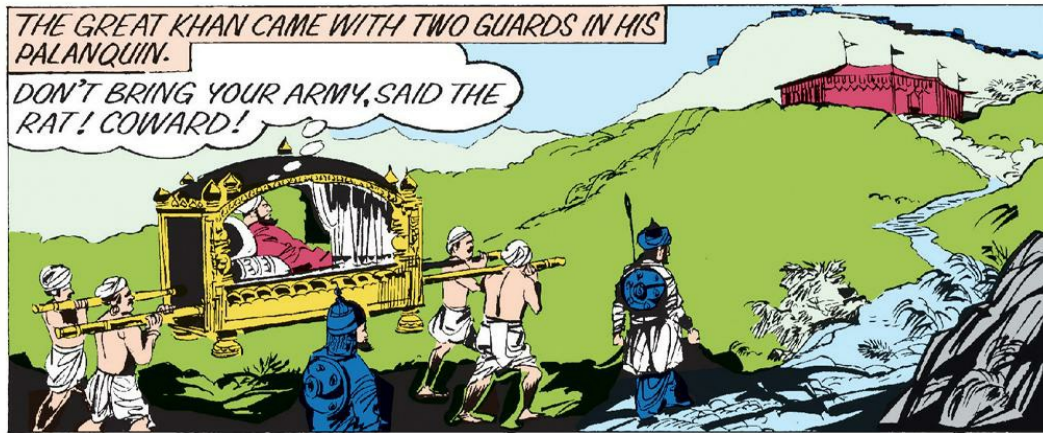
IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF WAI WAS PRATAPGADH WHERE SHIVAJI WAS STATIONED AT THE TIME.



SOON AN ENVOY FROM AFZUL KHAN ARRIVED.





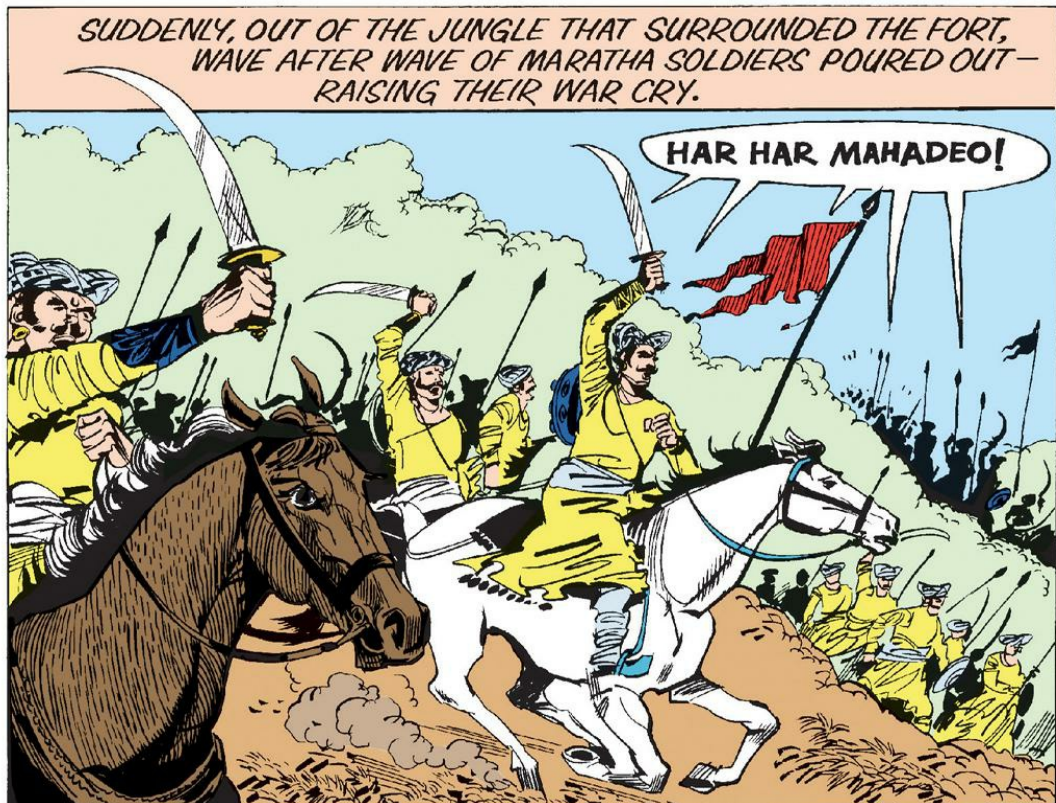


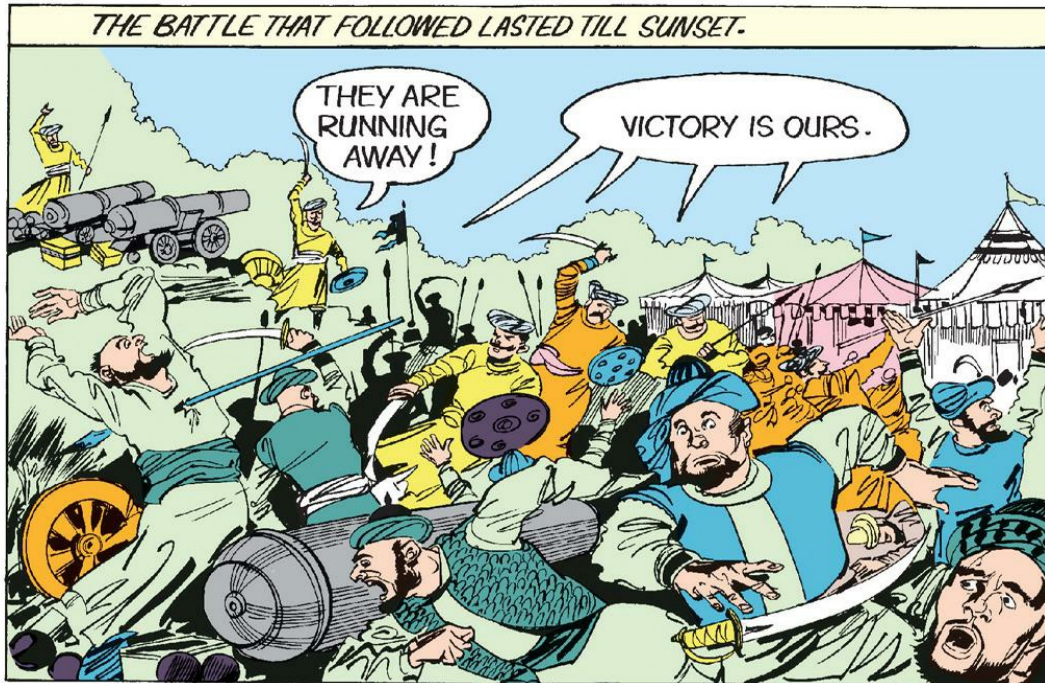
SHIVAJI SEIZED THE KNIFE WITH HIS LEFT HAND AND RAISED HIS RIGHT HAND.

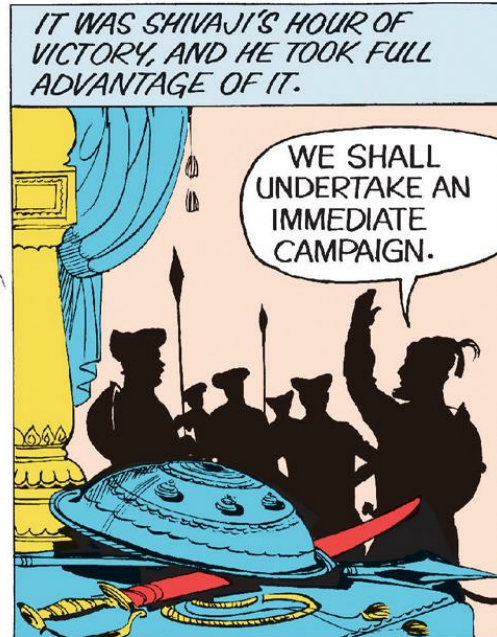


THE TIGER CLAWS ON SHIVAJI'S FINGERS PIERCED THE KHAN'S STOMACH.







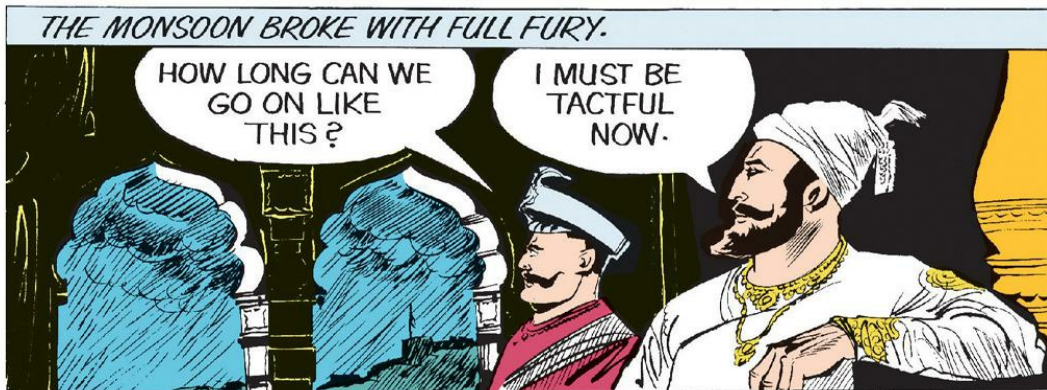
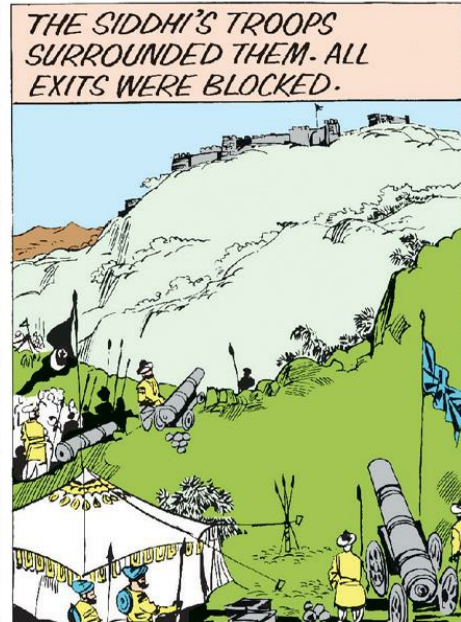


IT WAS A WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN. IN THIRTEEN DAYS HE RODE OVER A THOUSAND MILES, EVERYWHERE DEFEATING THE ENEMY AND ENLARGING HIS KINGDOM.

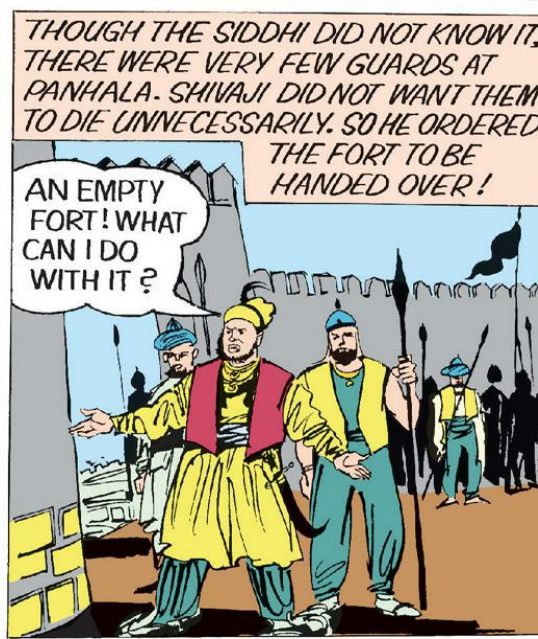
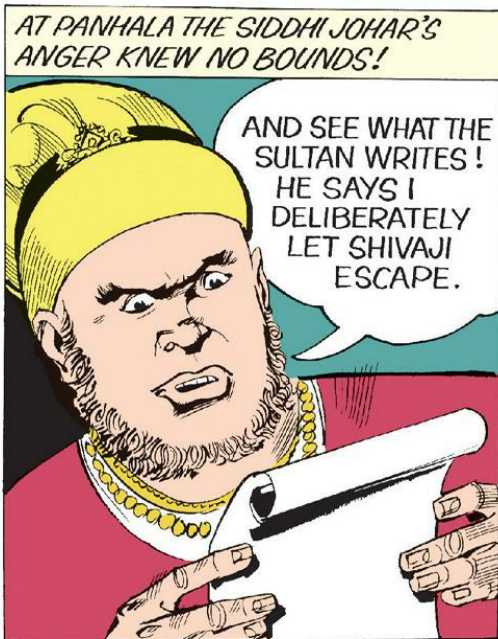


FINALLY HE TOOK PANHALA, A FORT OF TREMENDOUS VALUE. AND THEN—

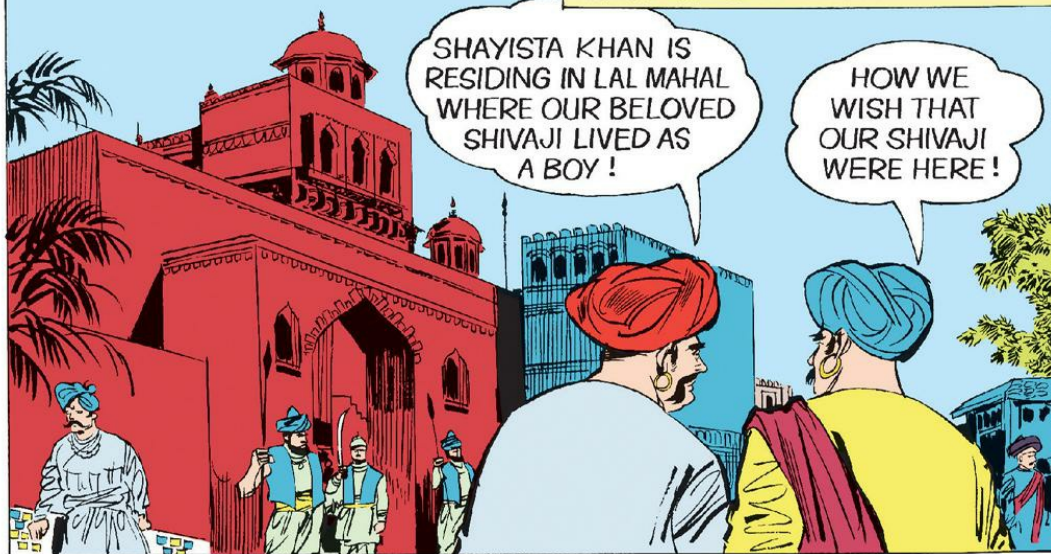








BY THE TIME SHIVAJI RETURNED FROM VISHALGADH, A STILL MORE POWERFUL ENEMY WAS OCCUPYING POONA — SHAYISTA KHAN, THE UNCLE OF EMPEROR AURANGZEB OF DELHI.



SHAYISTA KHAN HAD POSTED ARMED GUARDS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY.



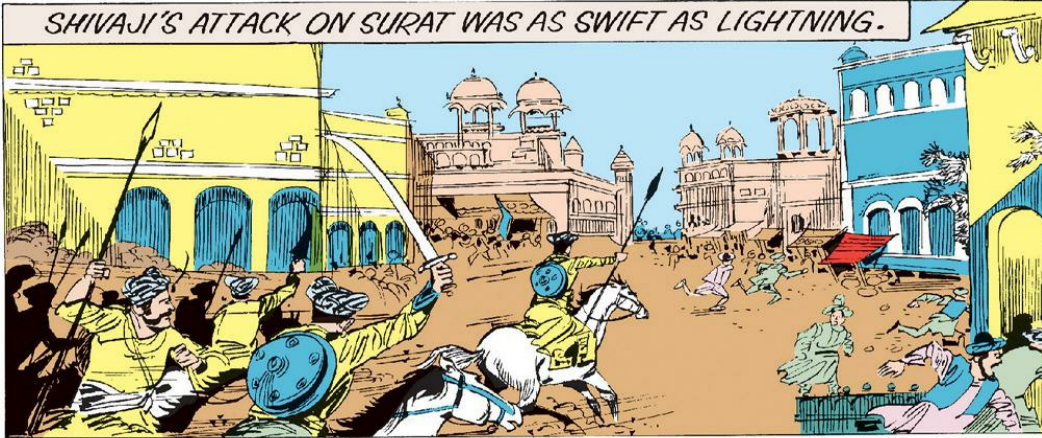
AS SOON AS THE 'MARRIAGE PROCESSION' REACHED LAL MAHAL —







SHIVAJI'S ATTACK ON SURAT WAS AS SWIFT AS LIGHTNING.



FOR FOUR DAYS HE
'SACKED' THE CITY.

DON'T ROB
THE POOR!

AND ABOVE ALL DON'T
HARASS THE
WOMEN!

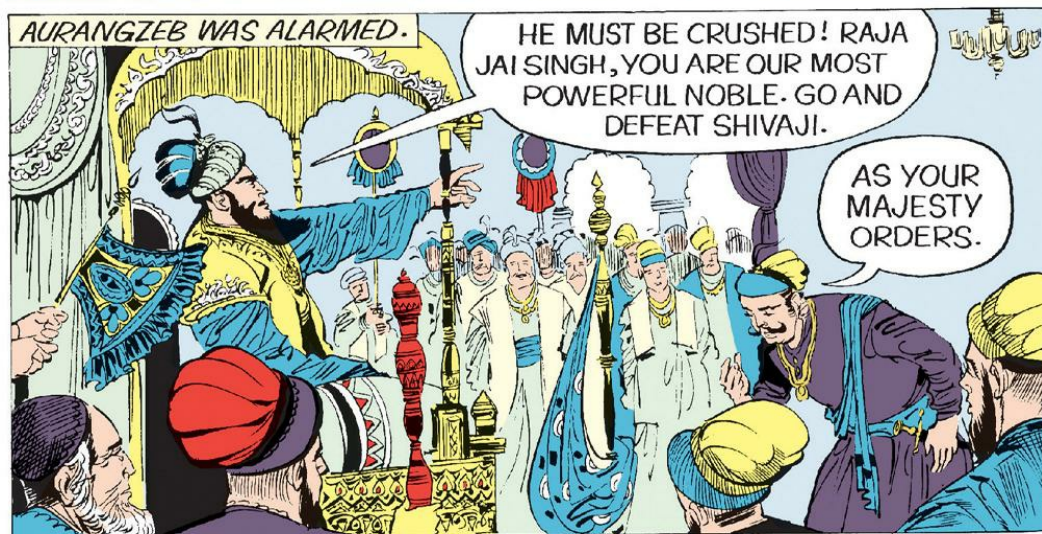


THEY RETURNED AS
QUICKLY AS THEY
HAD COME.

AURANGZEB WAS ALARMED.

HE MUST BE CRUSHED! RAJA
JAI SINGH, YOU ARE OUR MOST
POWERFUL NOBLE. GO AND
DEFEAT SHIVAJI.

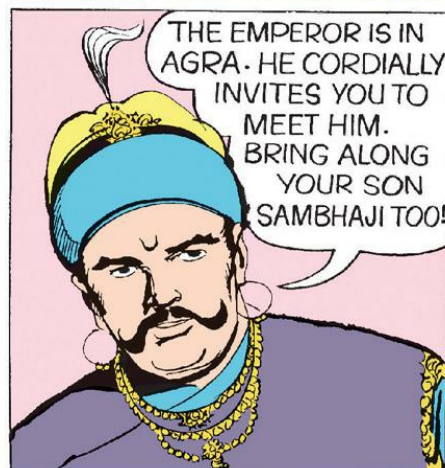
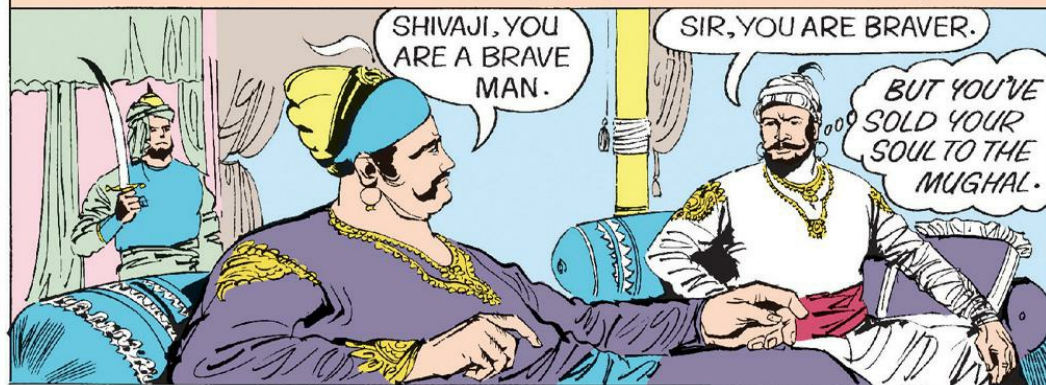
AS YOUR
MAJESTY
ORDERS.

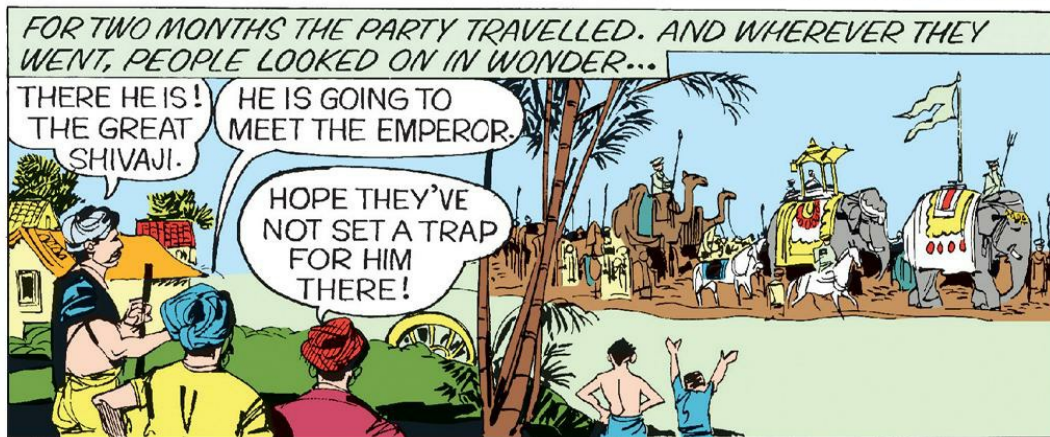
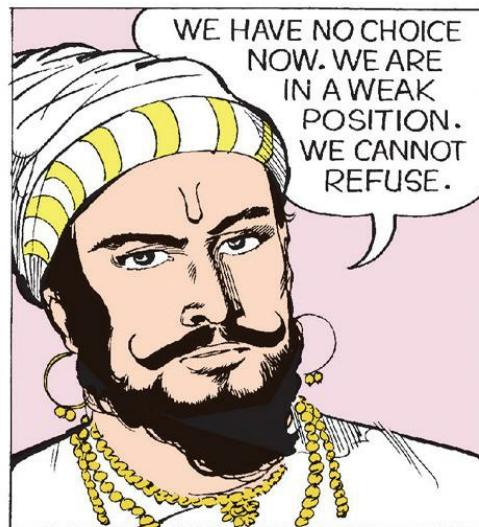


RAJA JAI SINGH MOVED WITH HIS NEW ITALIAN-TRAINED ARTILLERY. HE TOOK FORT AFTER FORT...

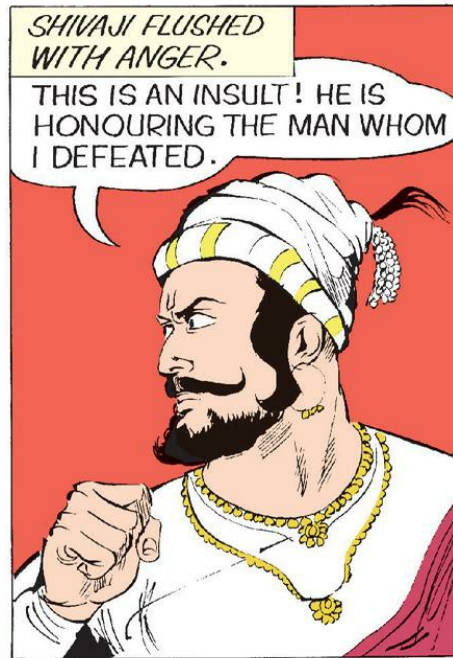
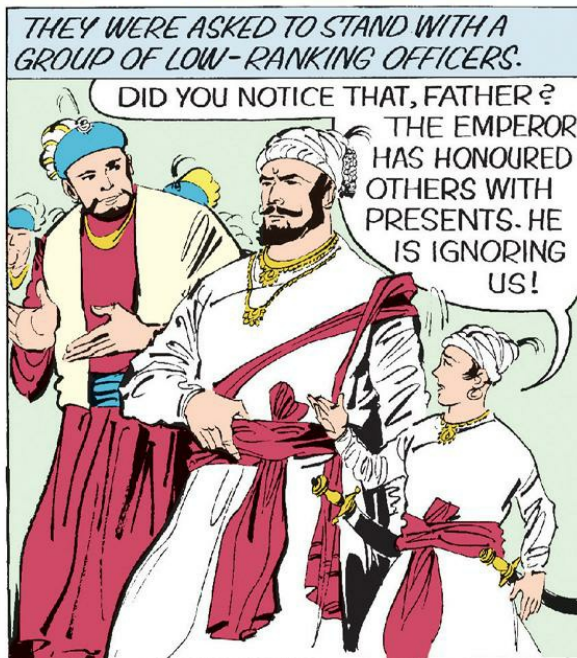
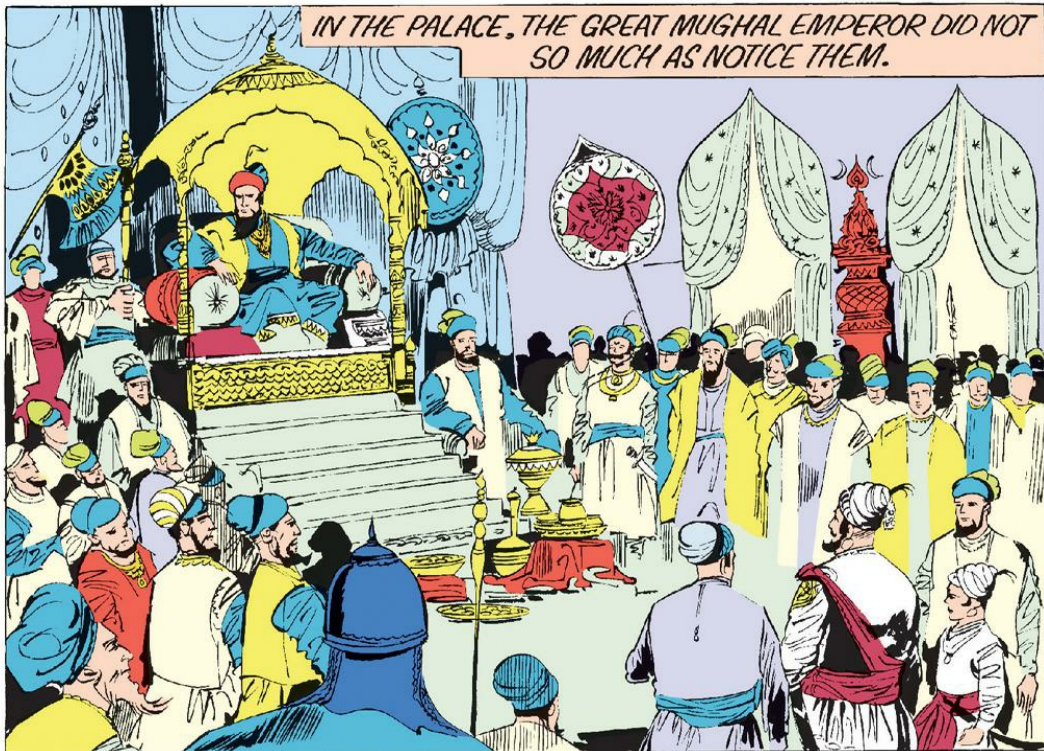


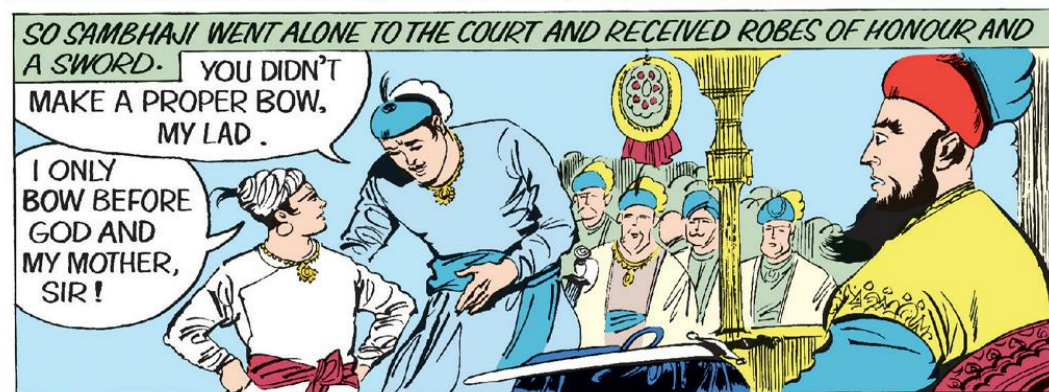
...TILL SHIVAJI HAD TO MAKE TEMPORARY PEACE WITH JAI SINGH.

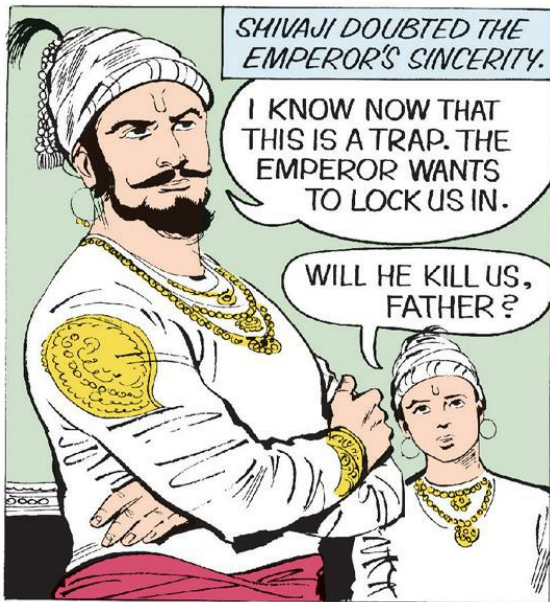


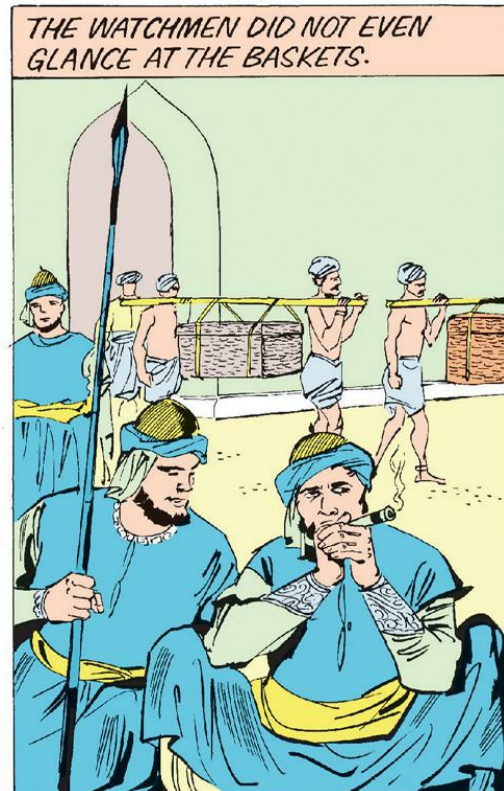
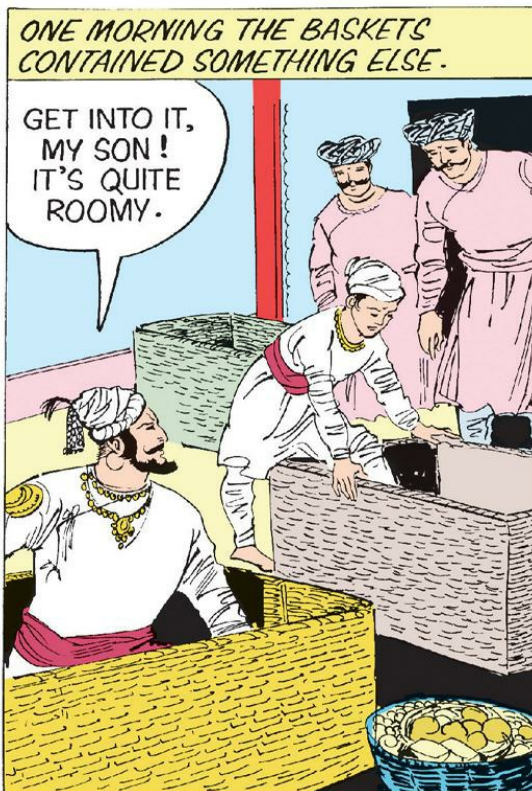
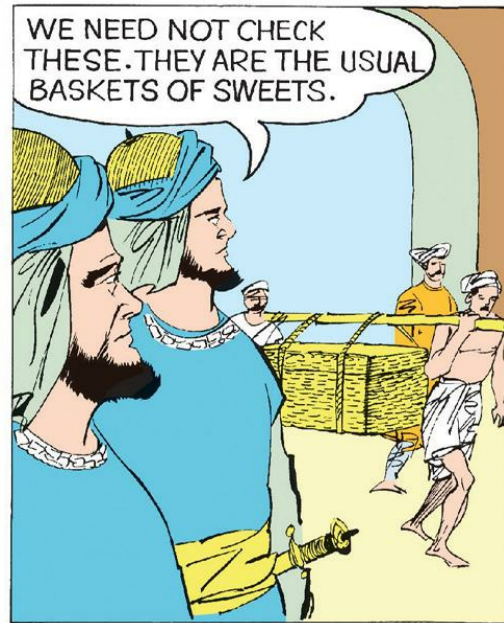




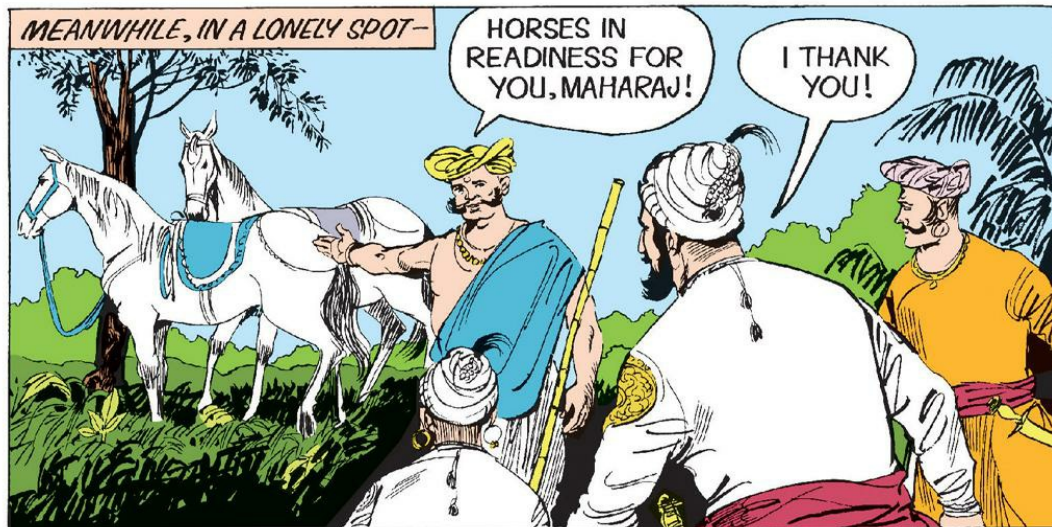




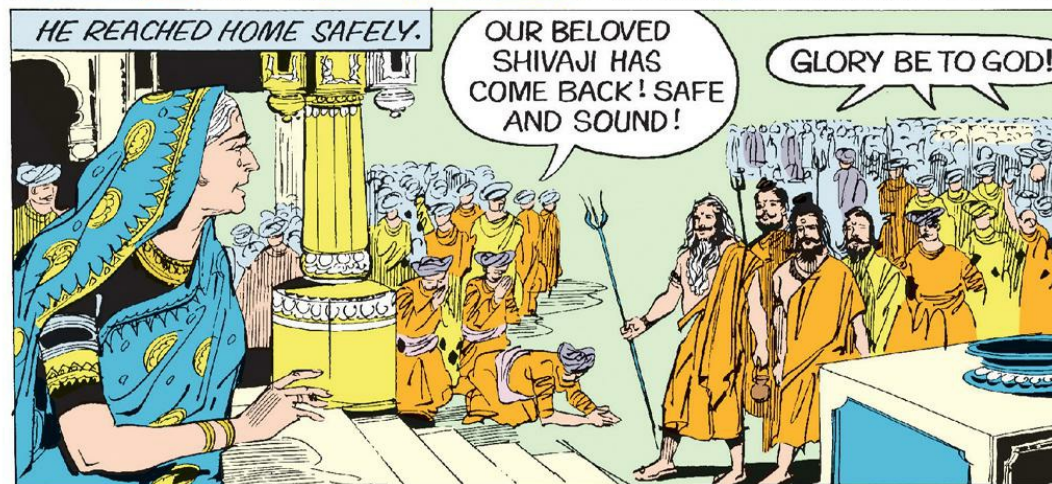
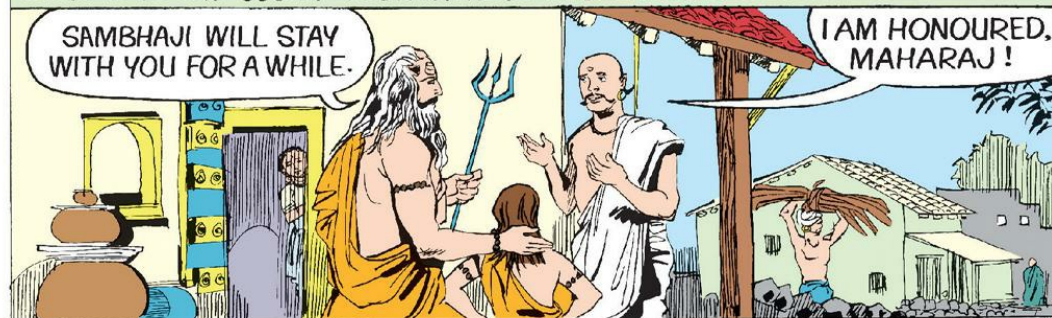








CHANGING HIS DISGUISE EVERY NOW AND THEN, SHIVAJI MANAGED TO ESCAPE TO THE SOUTH. EVERYWHERE PEOPLE HELPED HIM.





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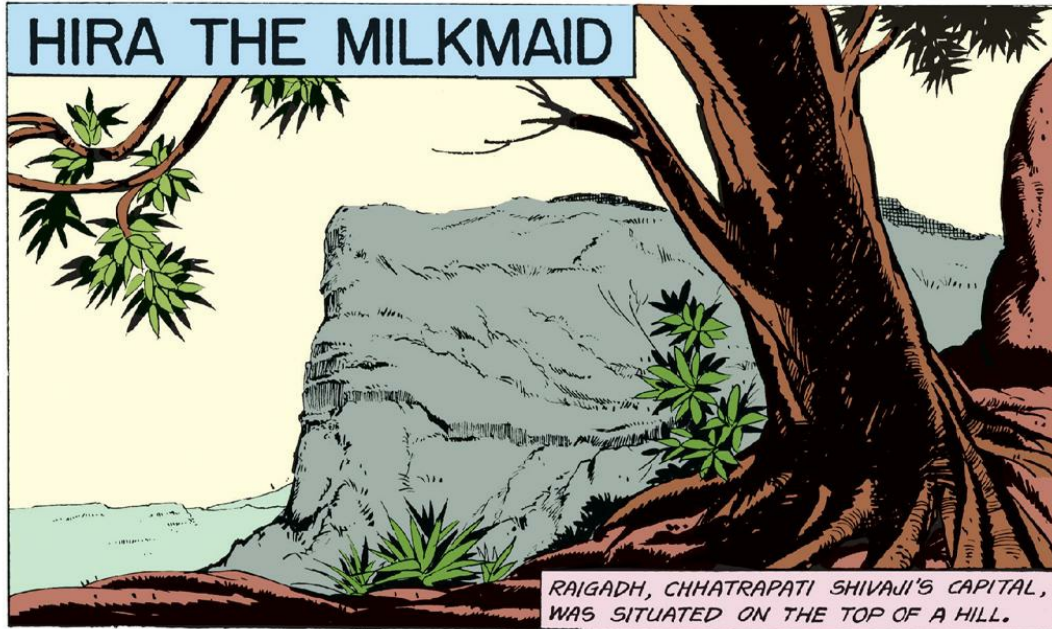
Shivaji, famous as a warrior and patriot, was also renowned for his kindness. His behaviour managed to convert a spunky young mother, an avenging widow, and a terrified maiden into devoted friends. Not only did the powerful Maratha display humility and a constant sense of fair play, he also upheld the honour of every woman whether rich or poor, enemy or ally.

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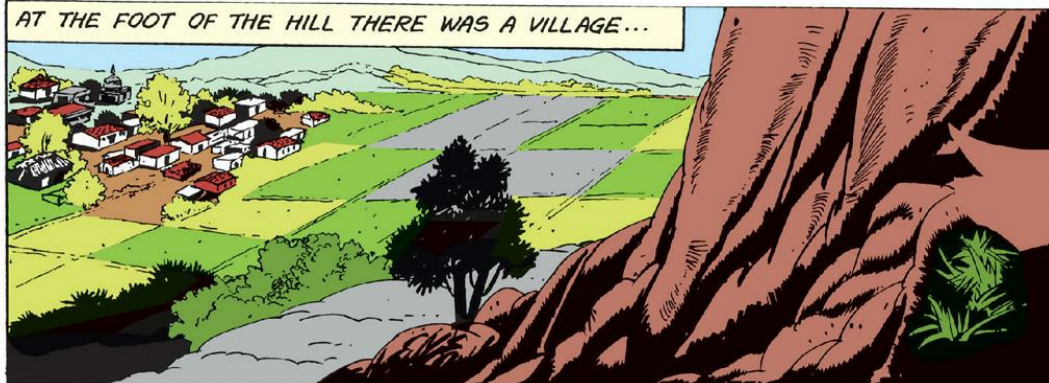
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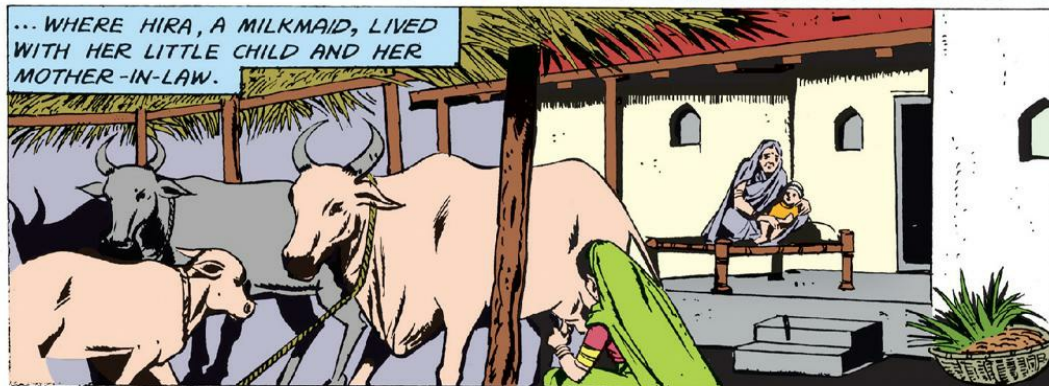
HIRA THE MILKMAID

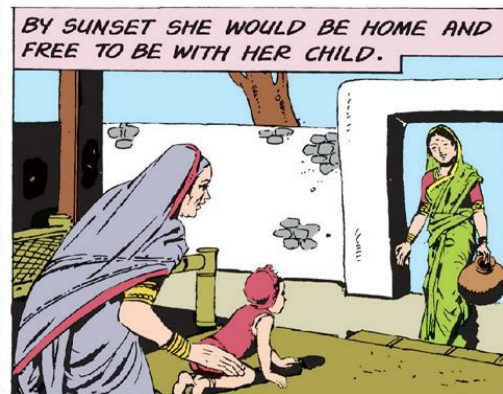
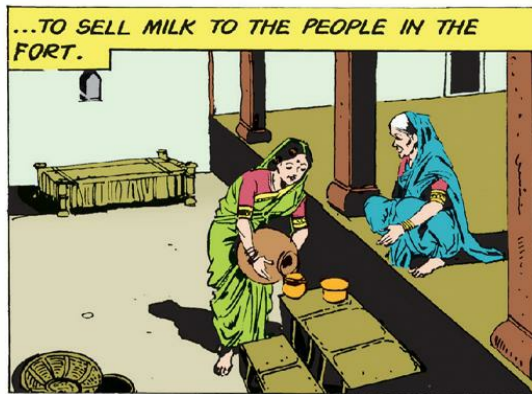
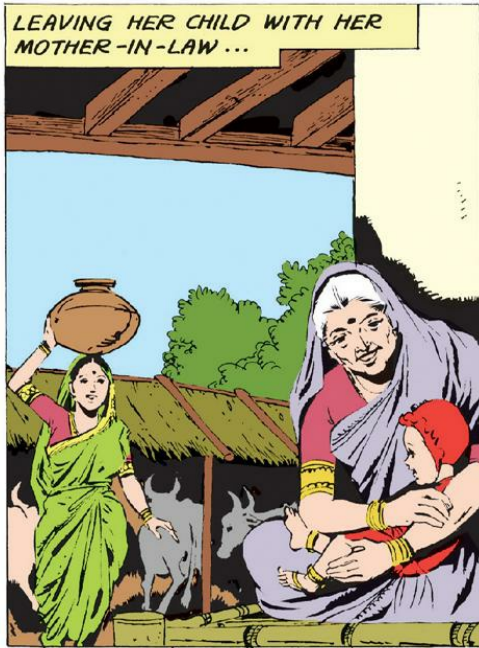


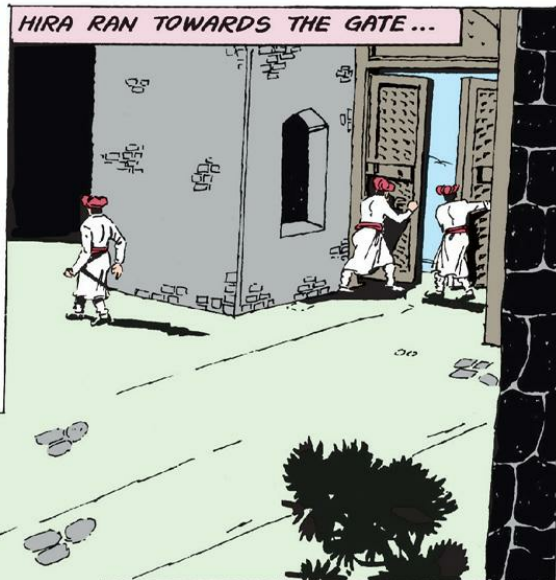
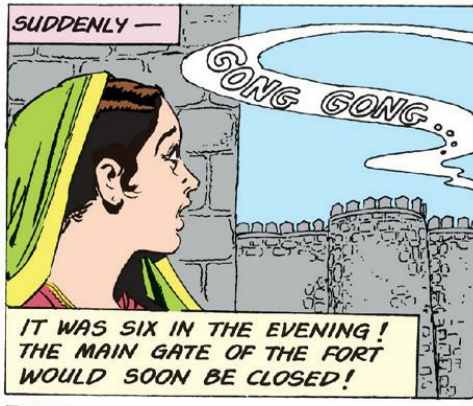
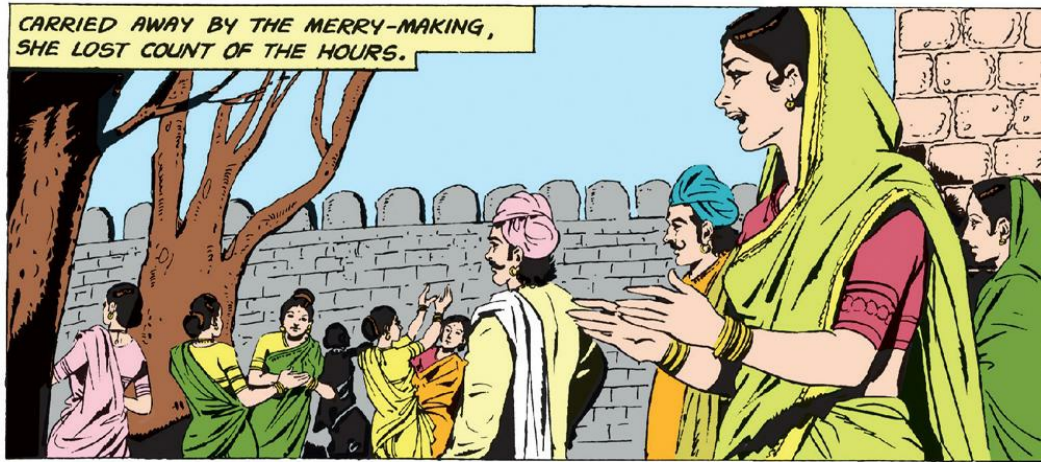
AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL THERE WAS A VILLAGE...

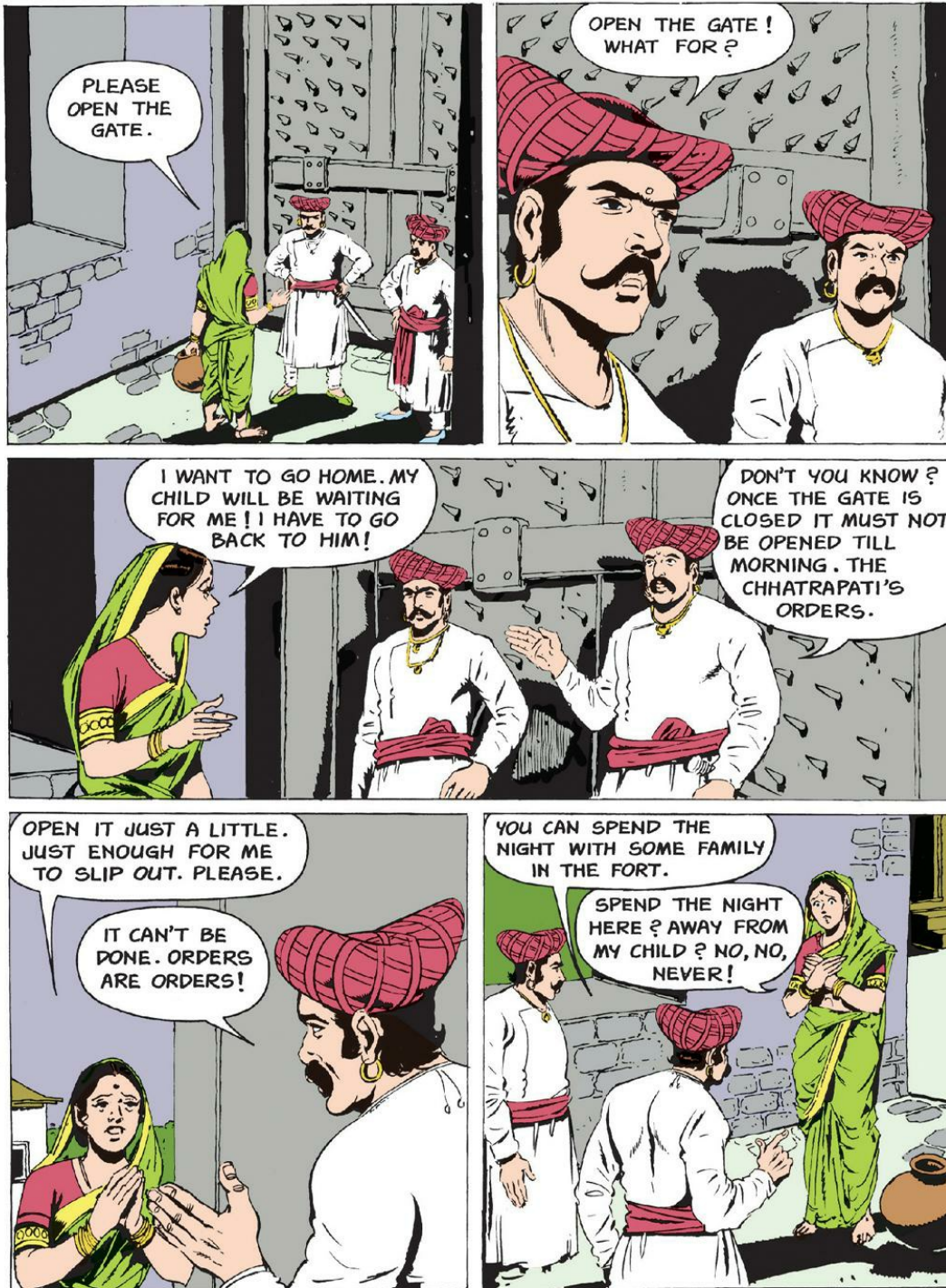


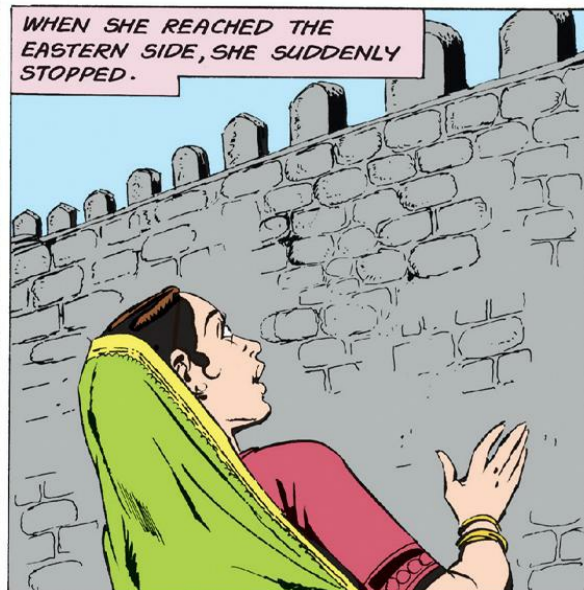
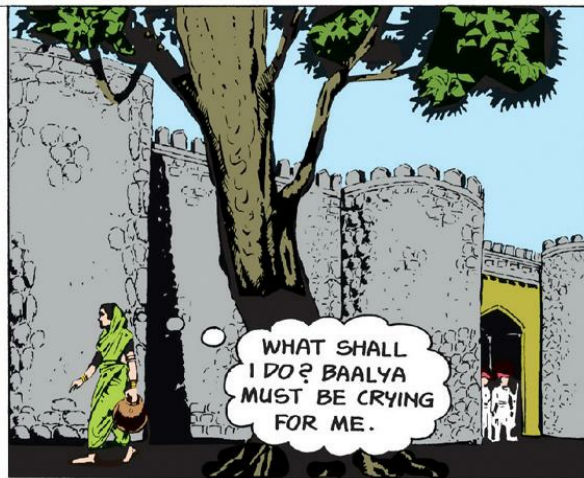
... WHERE HIRA, A MILKMAID, LIVED WITH HER LITTLE CHILD AND HER MOTHER-IN-LAW.

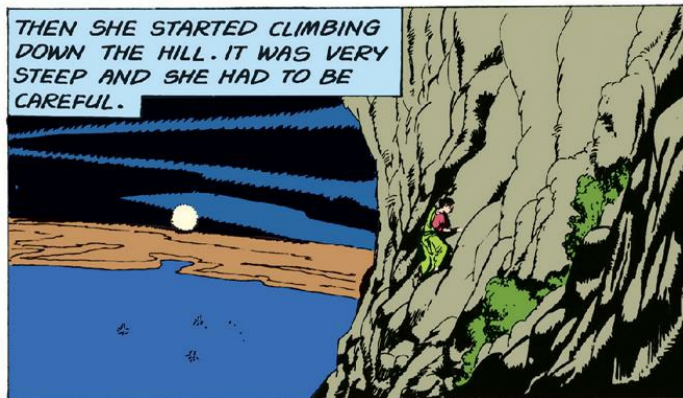
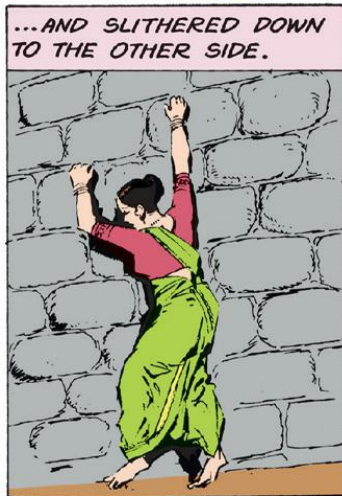


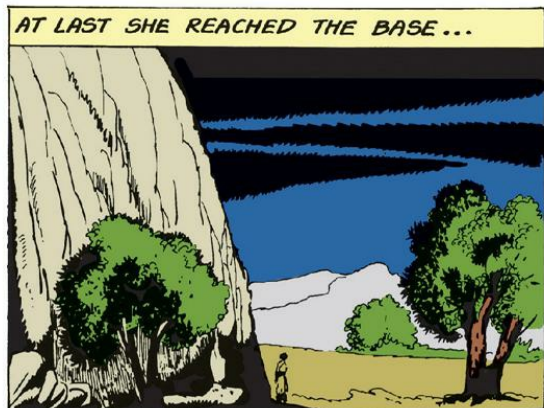
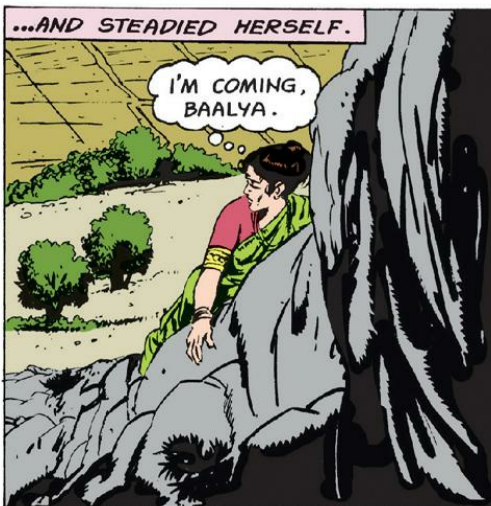


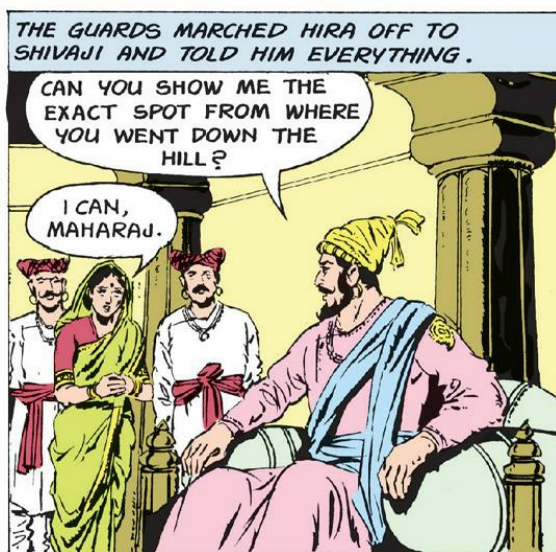
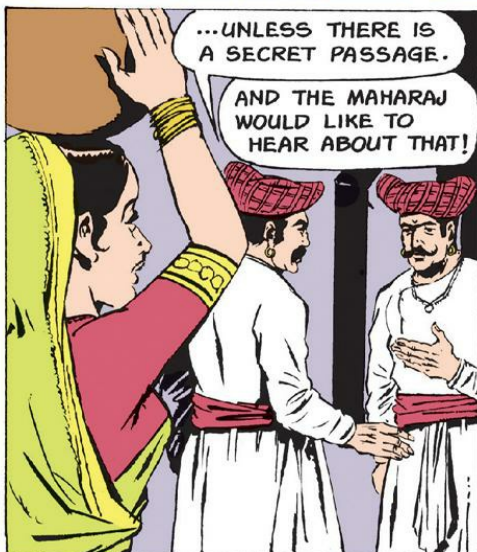
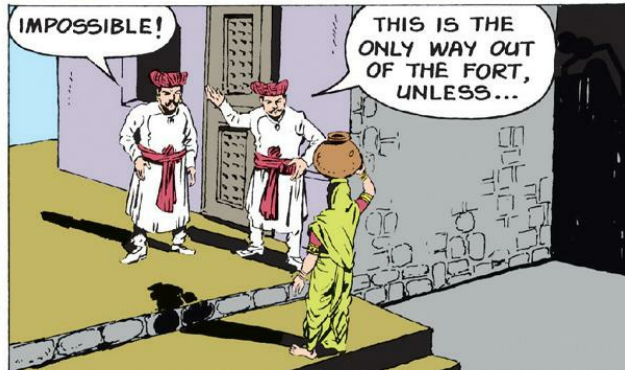
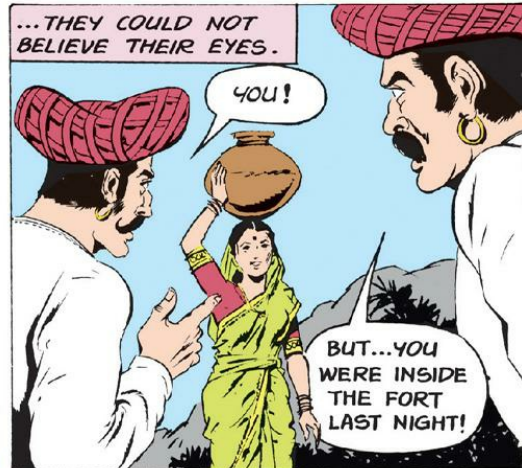
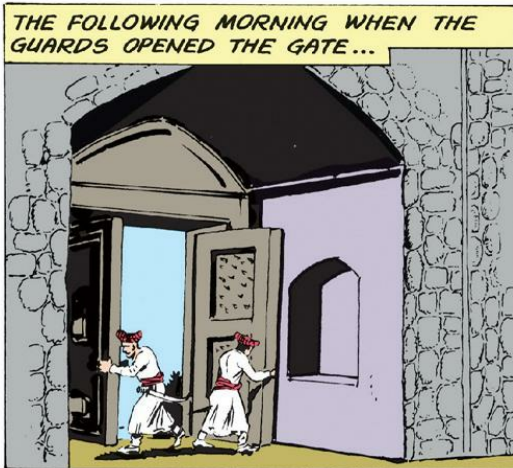












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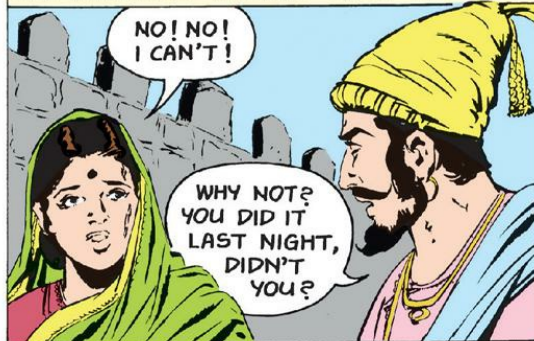
BUT WHEN SHE LOOKED DOWN...



...SHE WAS TERRIFIED.



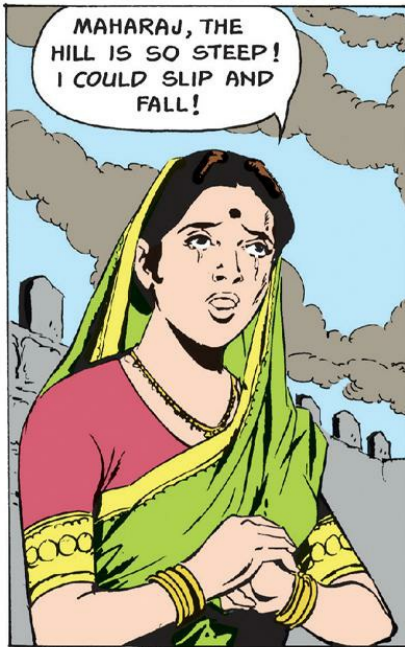
SHE HURRIEDLY CLIMBED DOWN THE WALL.



NO! NO!
I CAN'T!

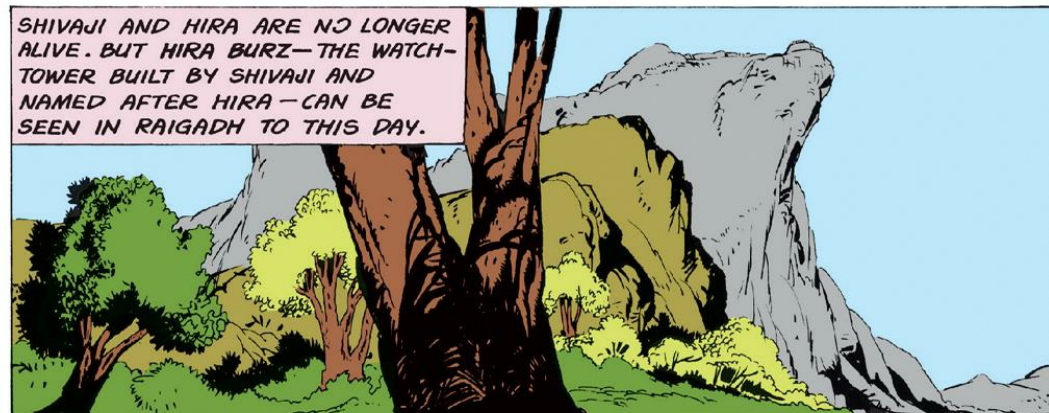
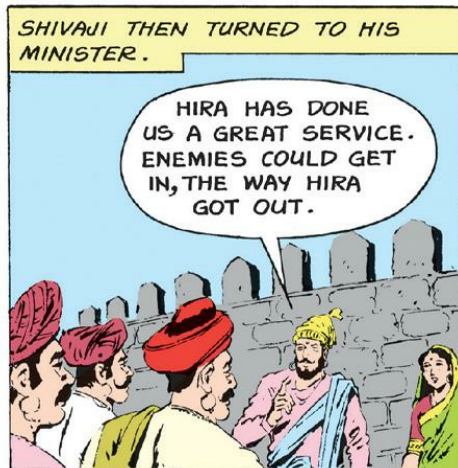
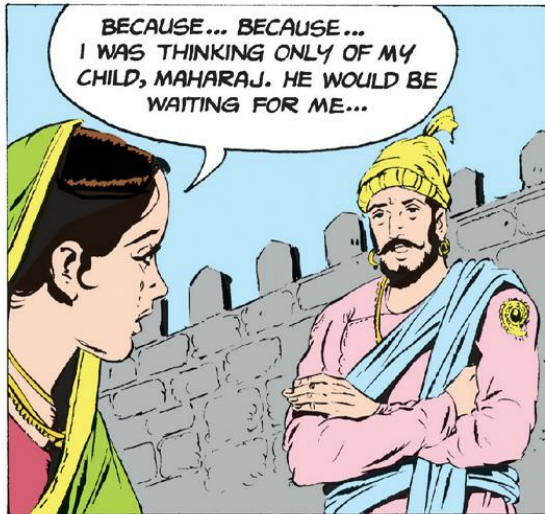
WHY NOT?
YOU DID IT
LAST NIGHT,
DIDN'T
YOU?

MAHARAJ, THE
HILL IS SO STEEP!
I COULD SLIP AND
FALL!



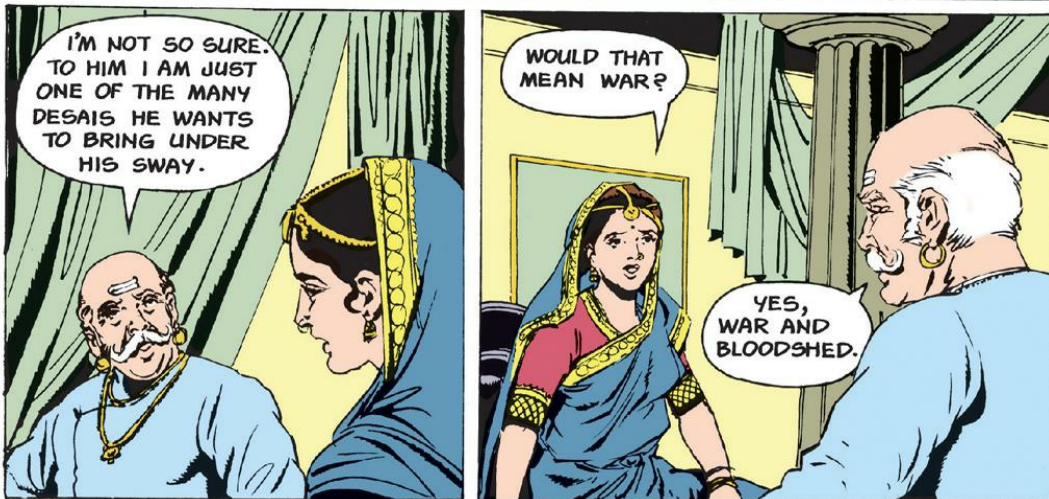
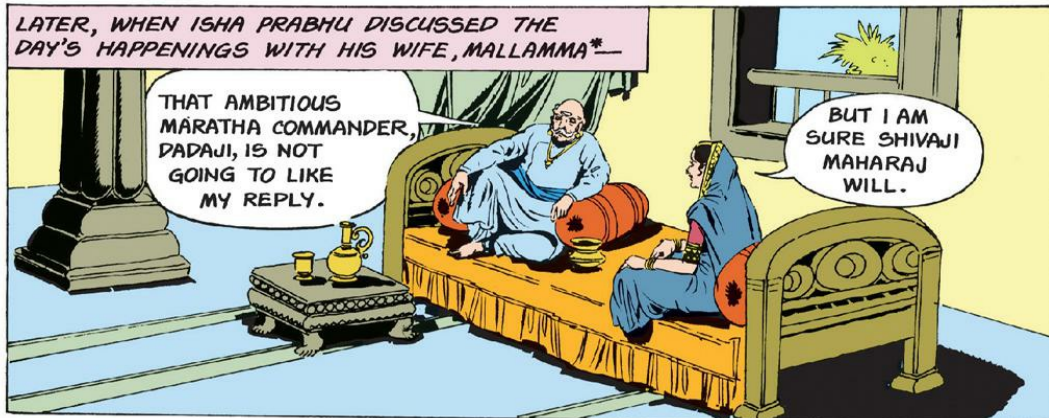
THAT DIDN'T
STOP YOU LAST
NIGHT!







* FEUDAL CHIEFTAIN + IN BELGAUM DISTRICT

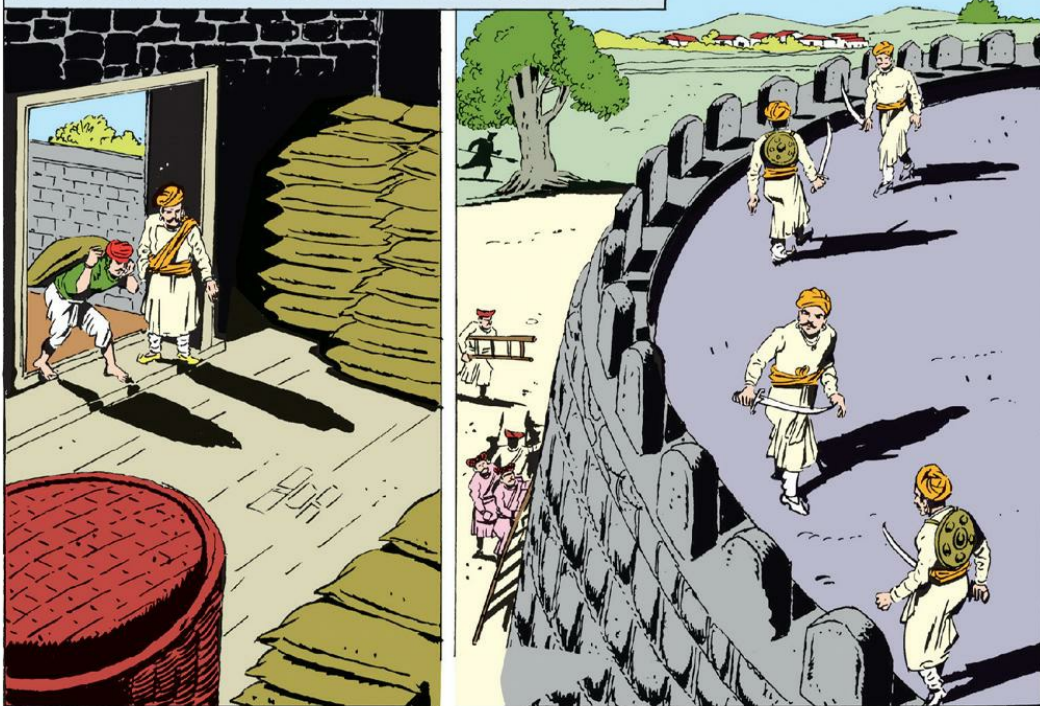


* ALSO KNOWN BY THE NAME SAVITRIBAI

AS EXPECTED, DADAJI LAID SIEGE TO BELAVADI.
MARATHA SOLDIERS SURROUNDED THE FORT.



BUT ISHA PRABHU WAS PREPARED FOR A SIEGE.



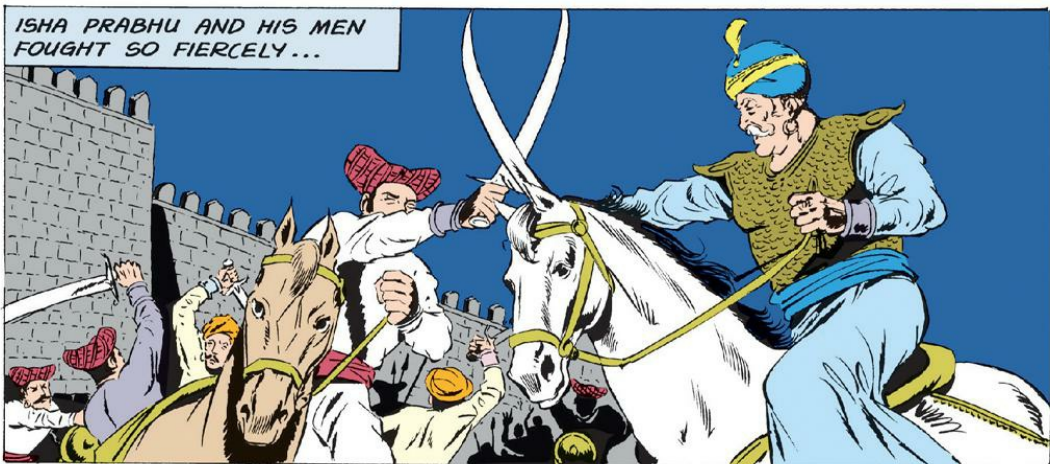
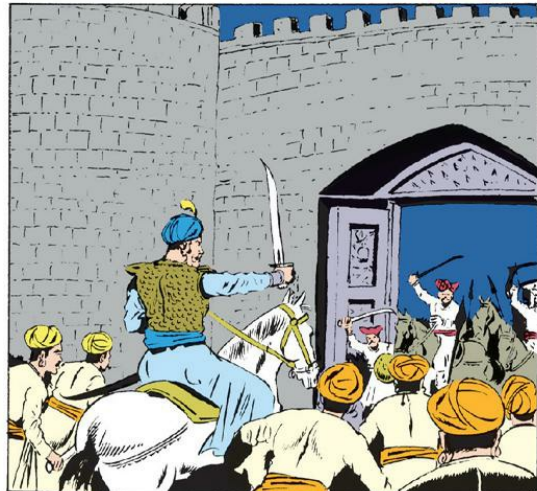








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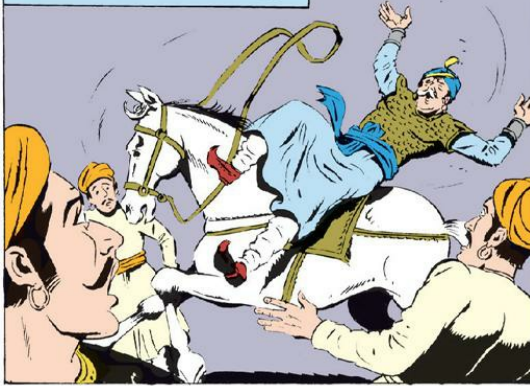
...TILL THE MARATHAS WERE
DRIVEN OUT OF THE FORT.



EVEN AS THE GATES WERE
CLOSED ...



...ISHA PRABHU FELL.



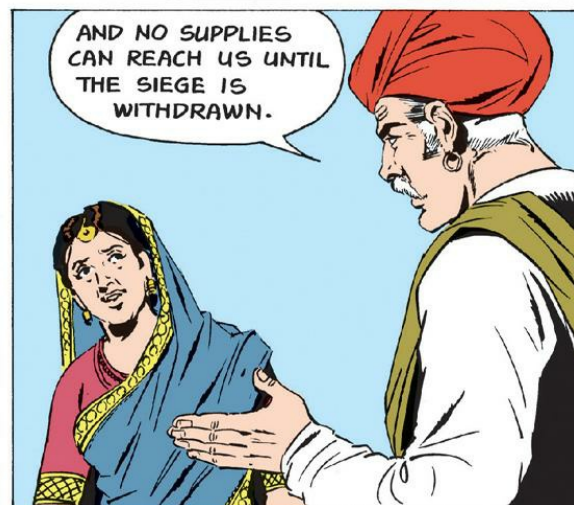
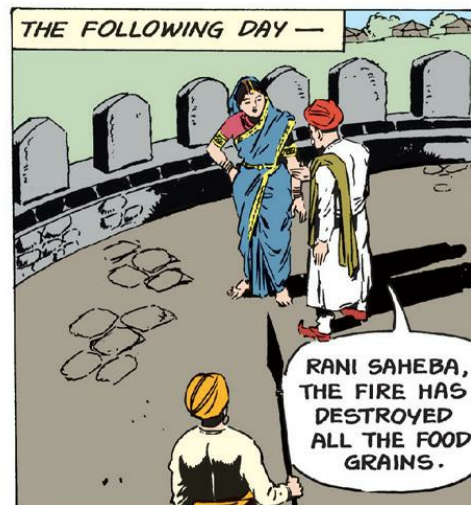
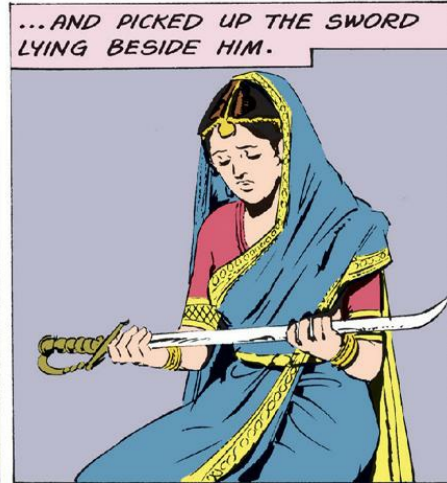
HIS MEN FOUND HIM DEAD.

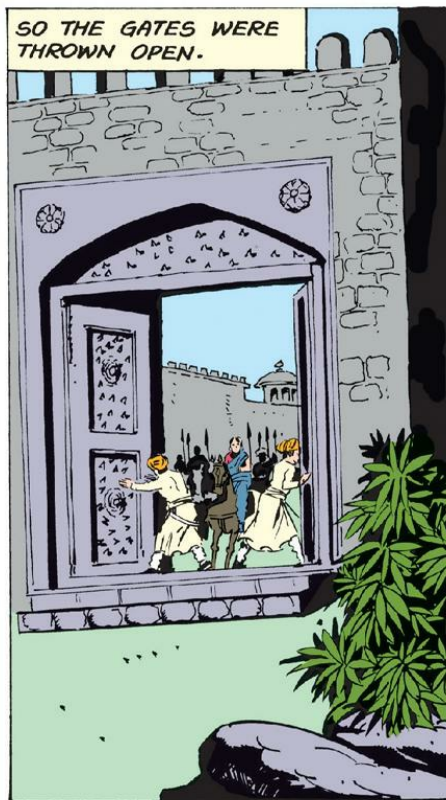
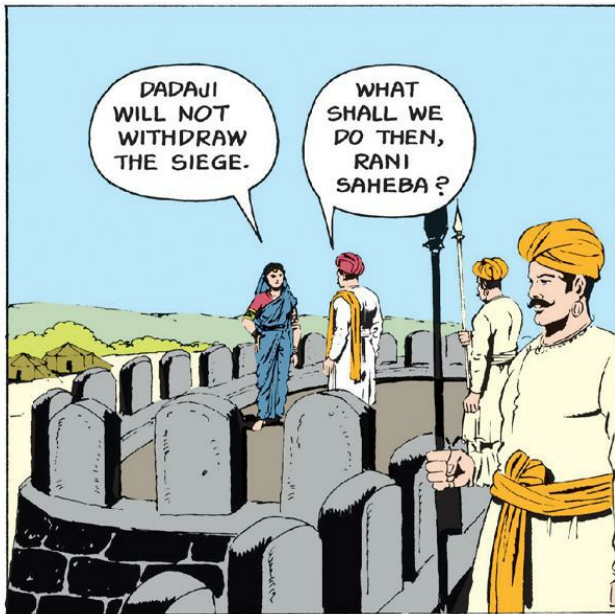


WHEN THE RANI CAME TO THE SPOT...

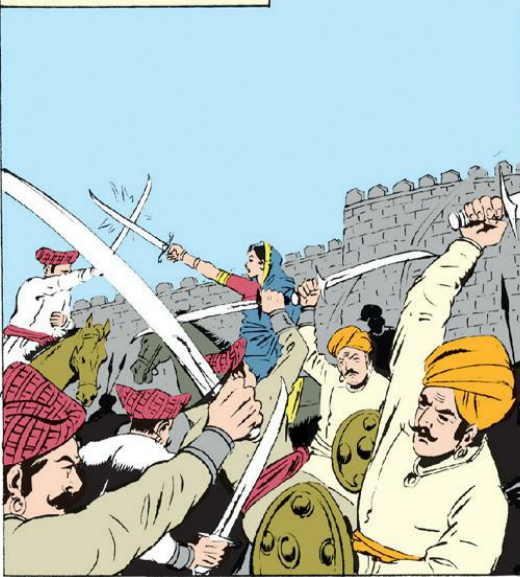


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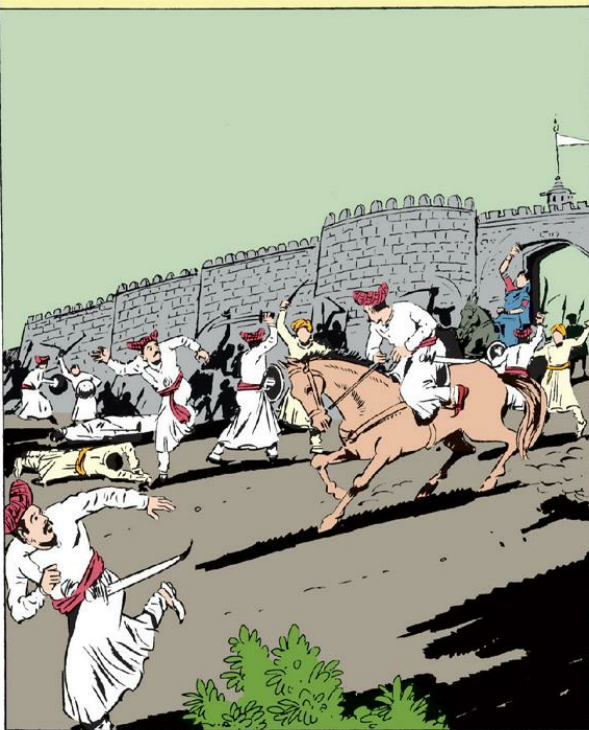
INSPIRED BY HER COURAGE THE MEN
FOUGHT FIERCELY.



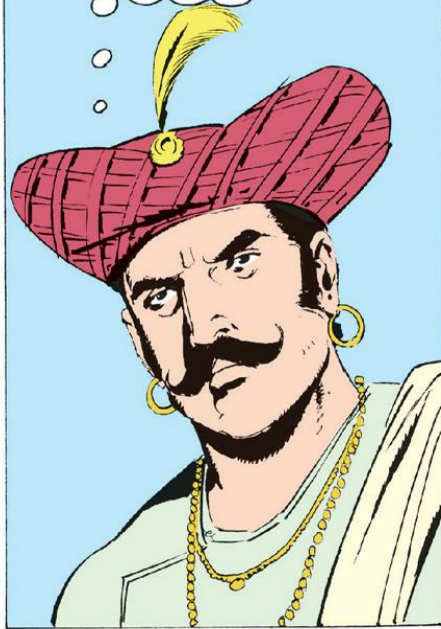
THE RANI MOVED WITH LIGHTNING
SPEED.

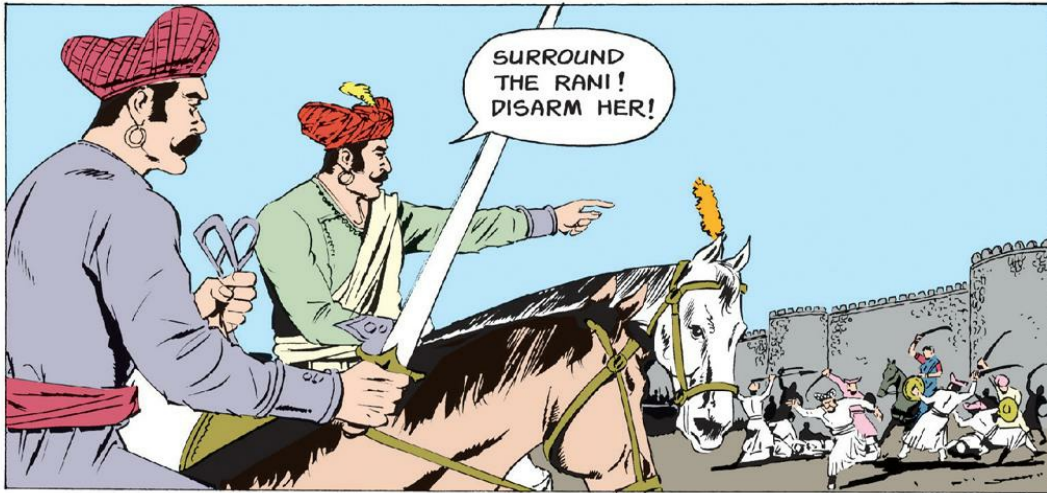


DADAJI'S MEN REELED UNDER THE ATTACK.

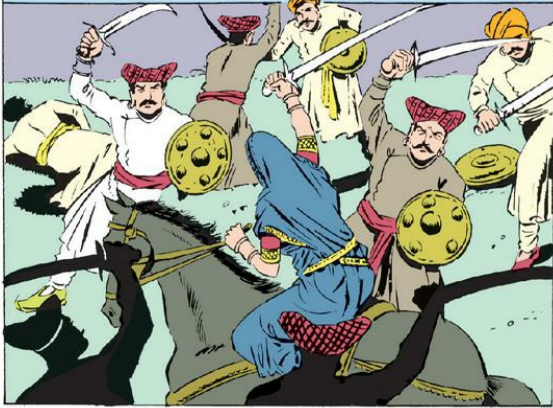


WE'LL LOSE THE
BATTLE UNLESS
THE RANI IS
CONTAINED.





AS THE MEN CLOSED IN ON HER, THE RANI FOUGHT EVEN MORE VIGOROUSLY.



THE LEGS OF THE RANI'S HORSE WERE HACKED OFF.

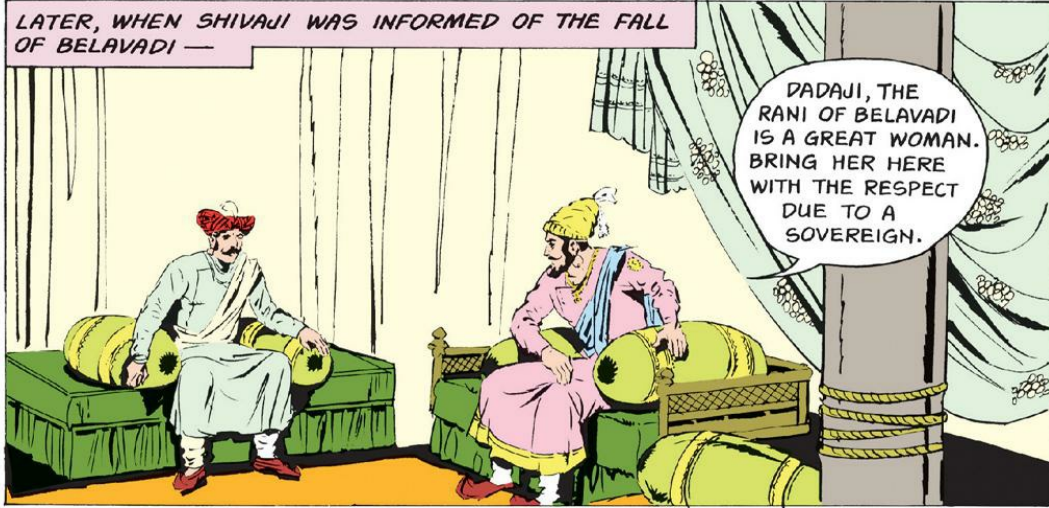


BUT THE RANI WAS QUICK.





LATER, WHEN SHIVAJI WAS INFORMED OF THE FALL OF BELAVADI —

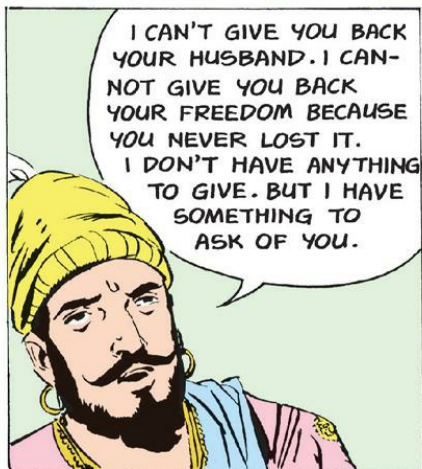


WHEN THE RANI WAS BROUGHT TO HIS CAMP SHIVAJI STOOD UP TO RECEIVE HER.

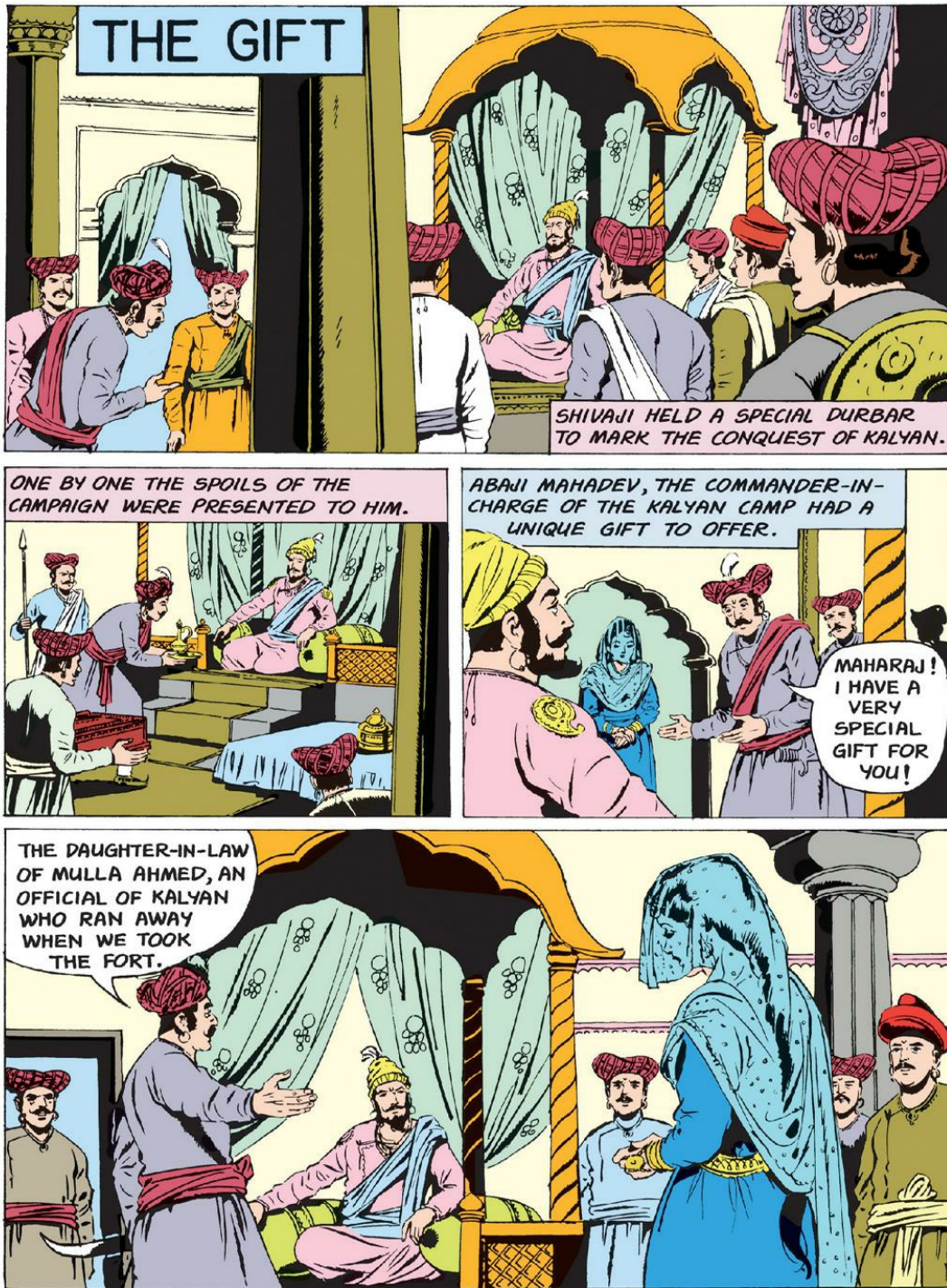
MOTHER, I SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY.



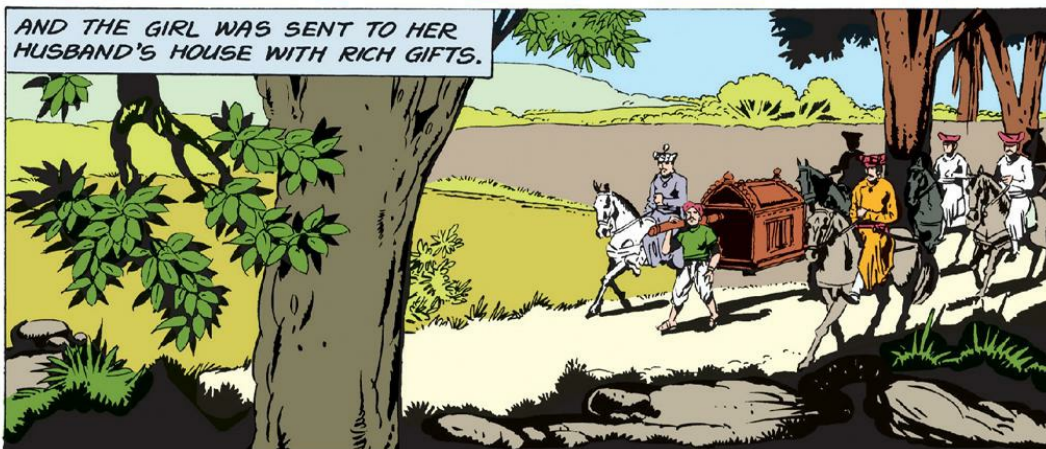
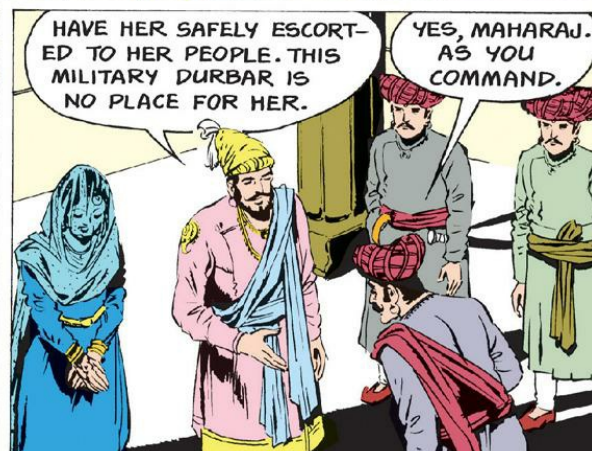
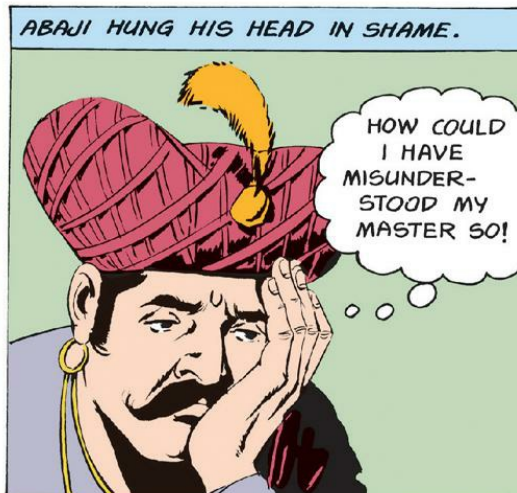
I DO NOT KNOW WHO IS THE VICTOR. I ONLY KNOW YOU ARE NOT THE VAN-QUISHED, YOU SHALL EVER REMAIN FREE.











* MOTHER

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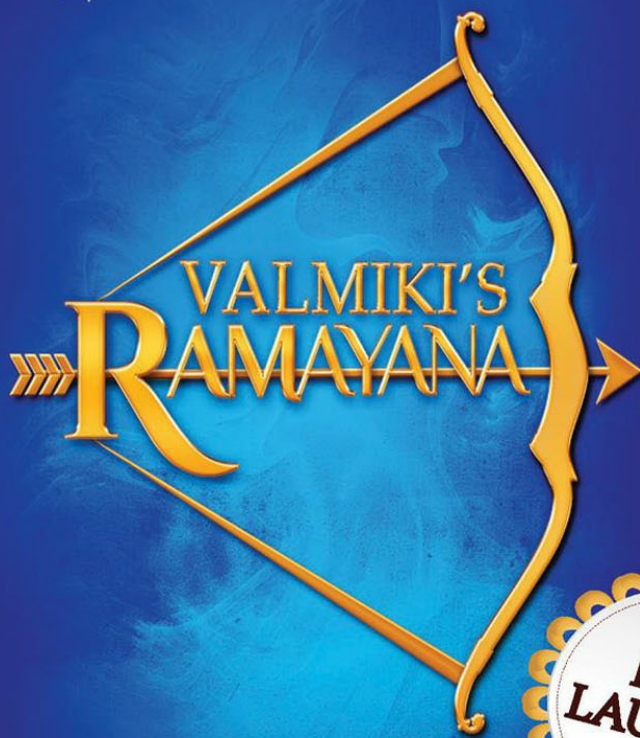
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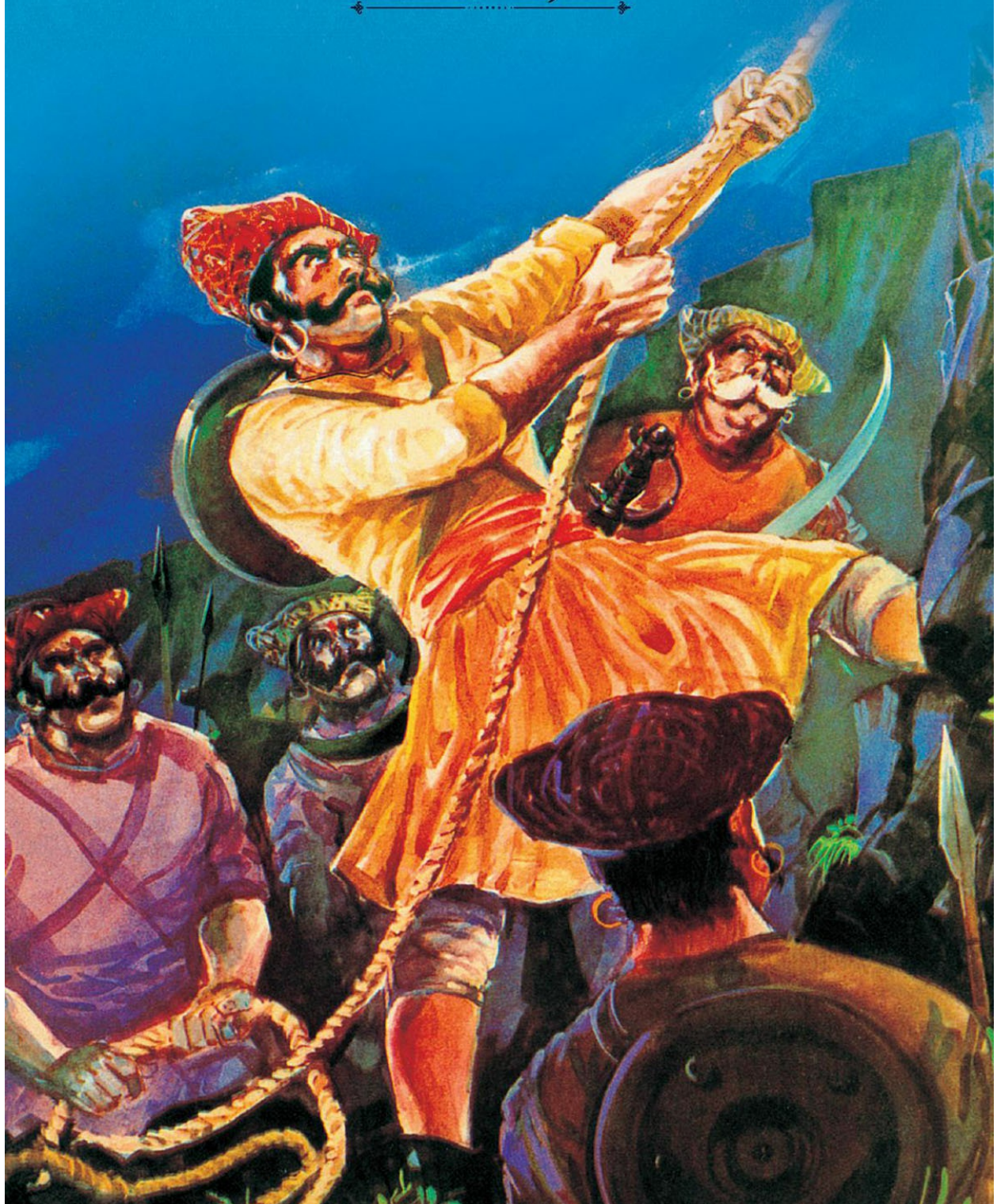
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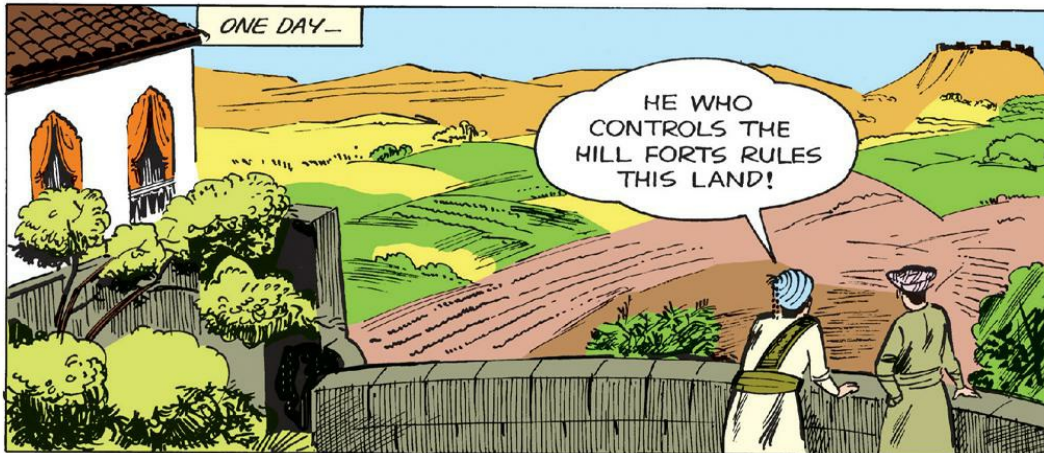


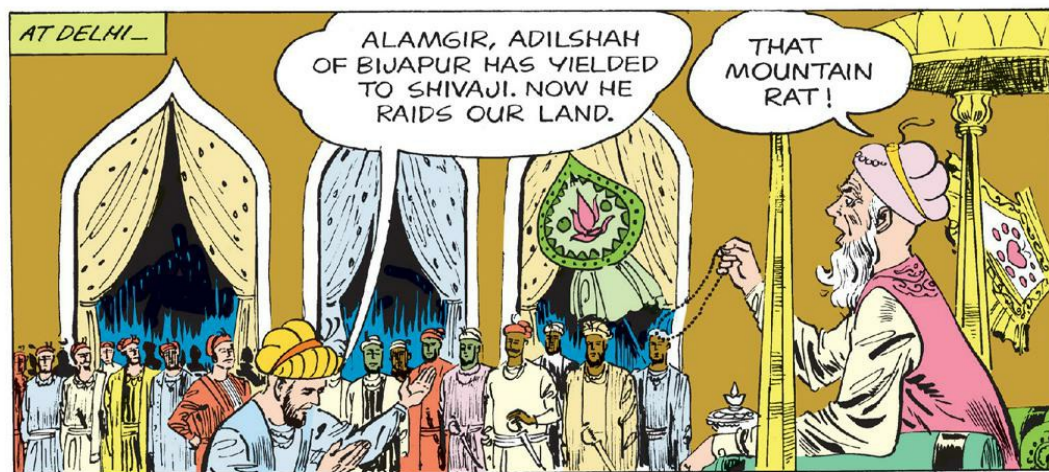
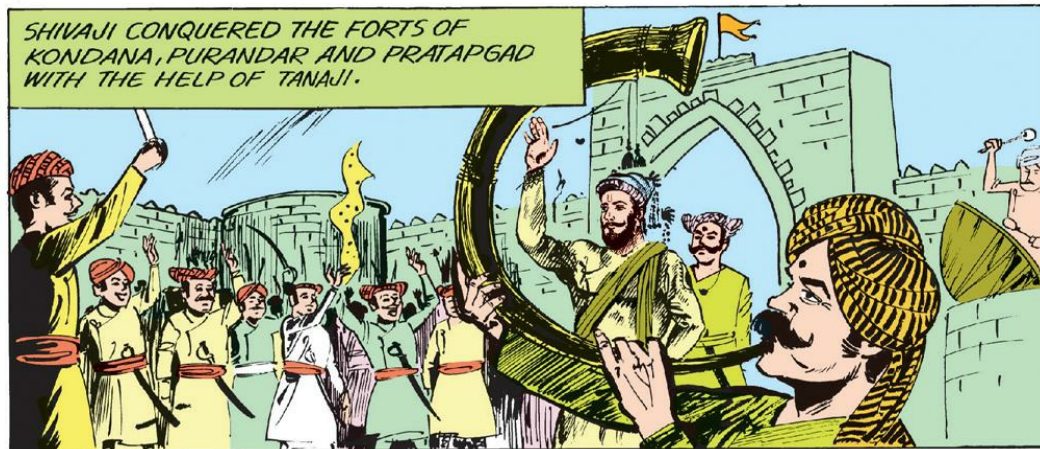
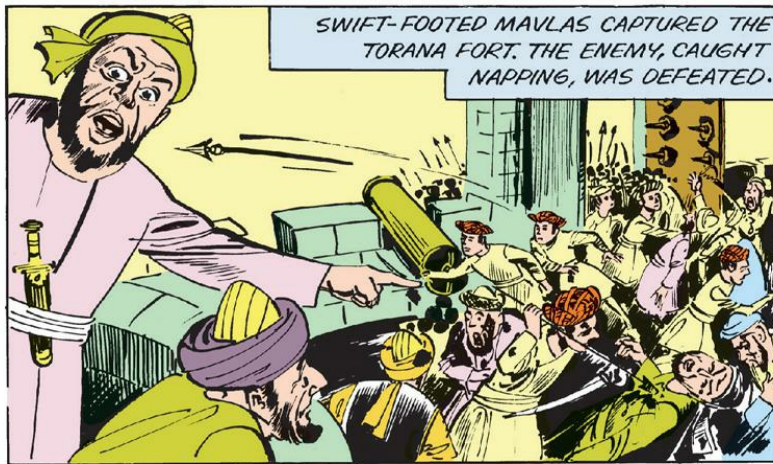
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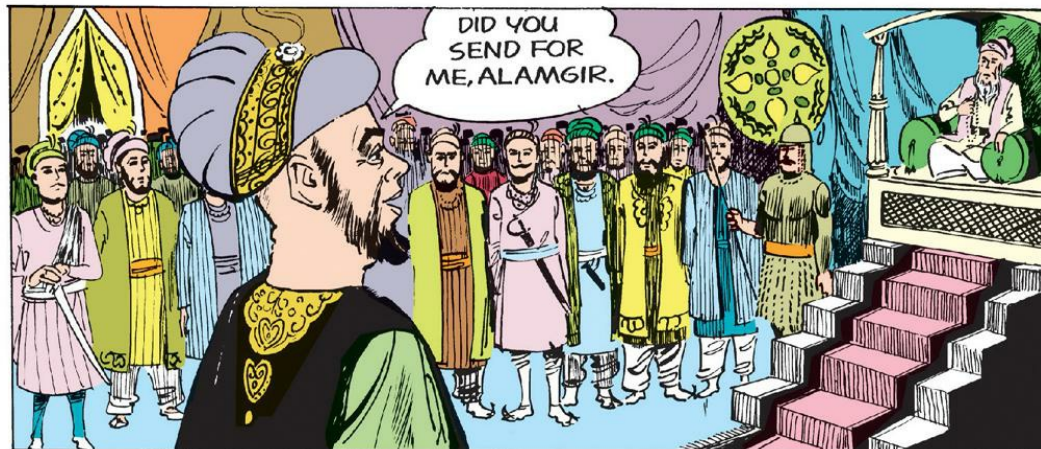
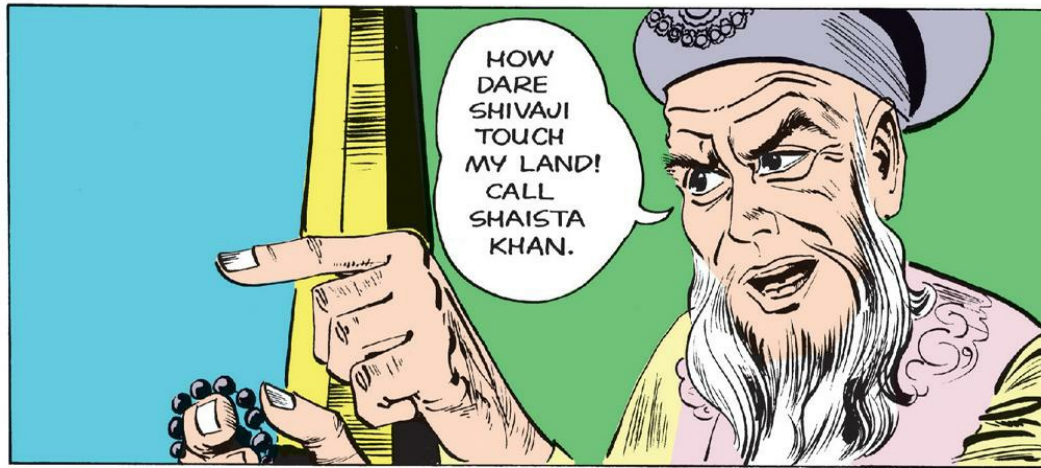


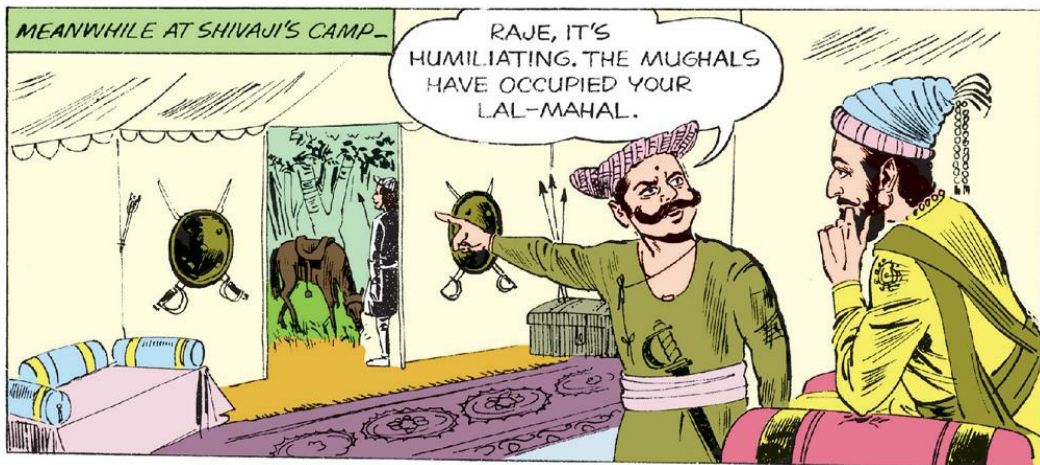
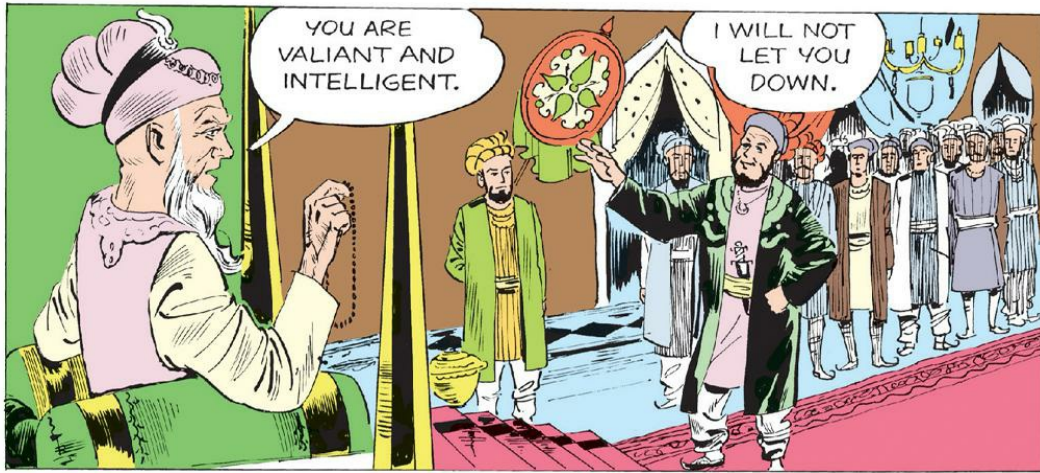


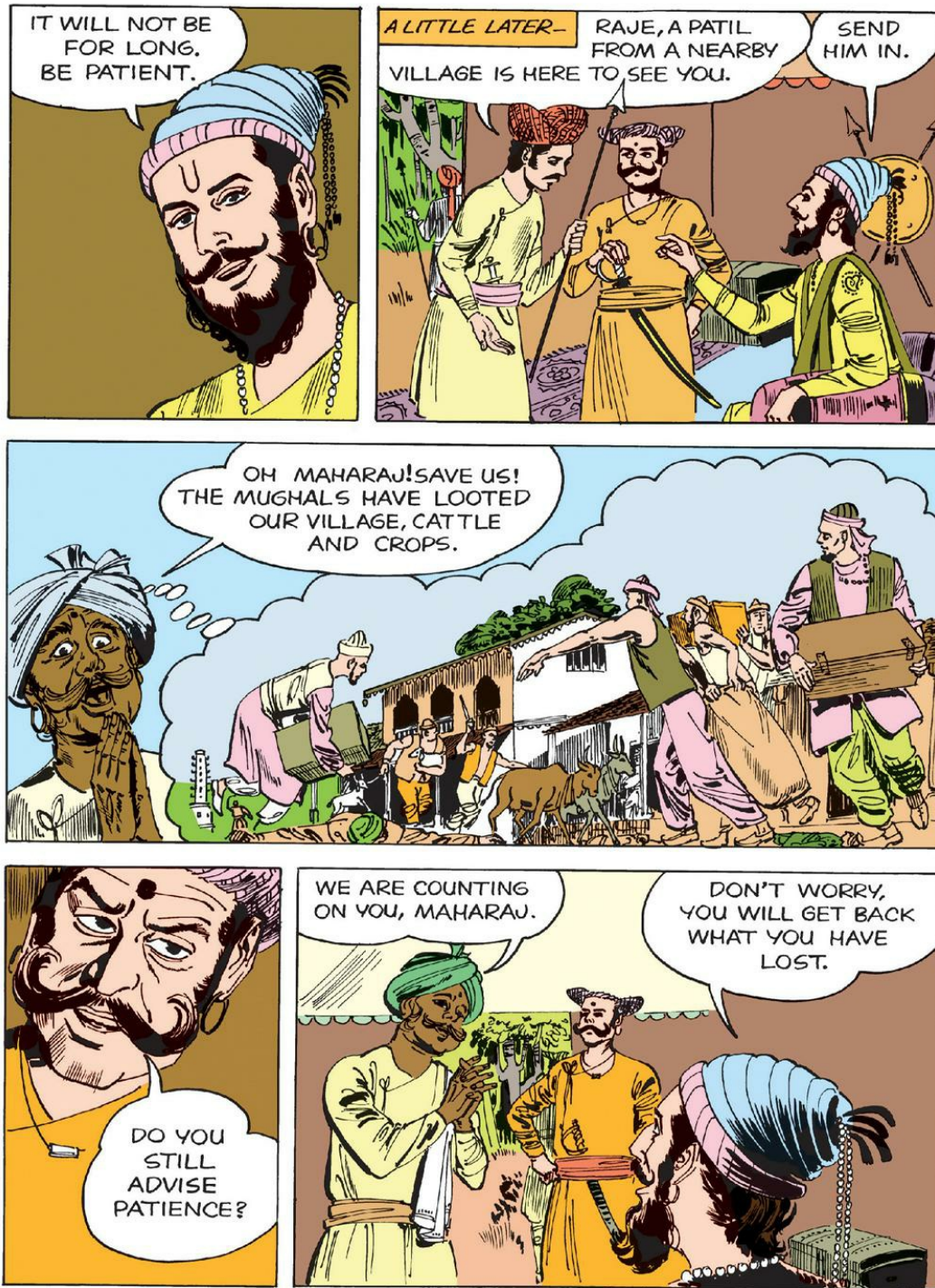


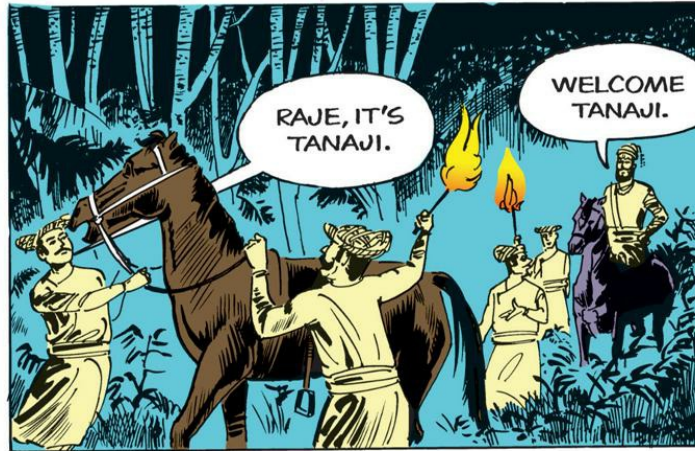
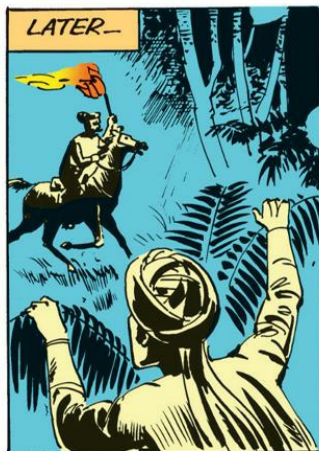


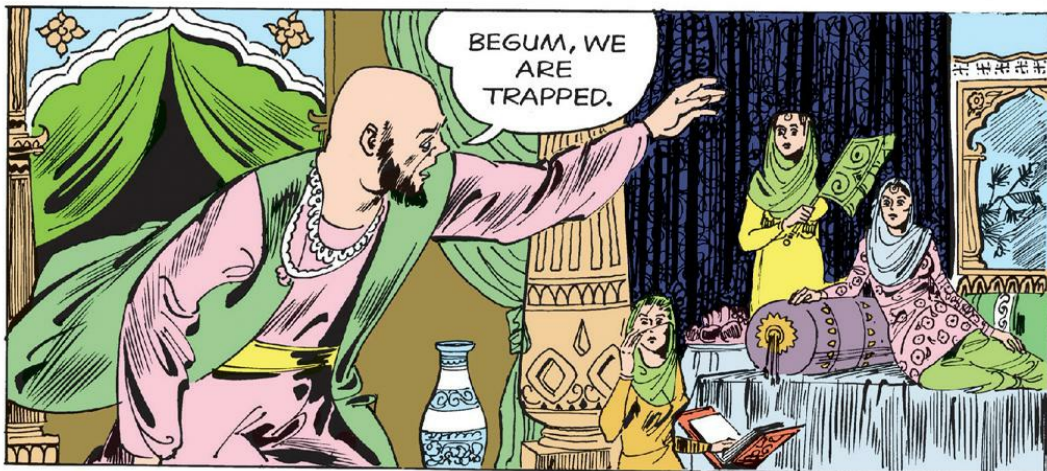
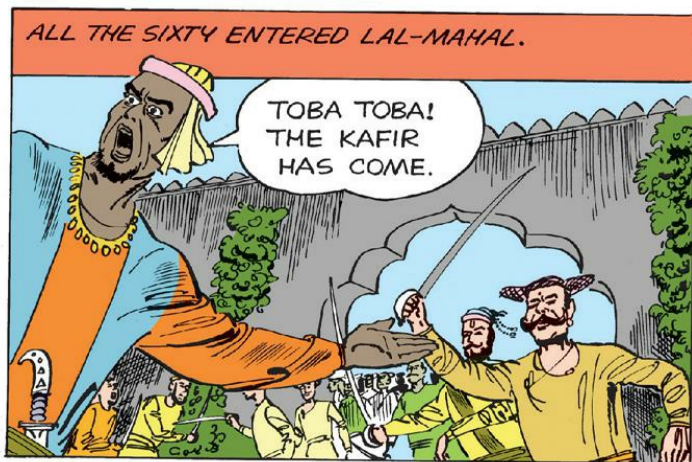
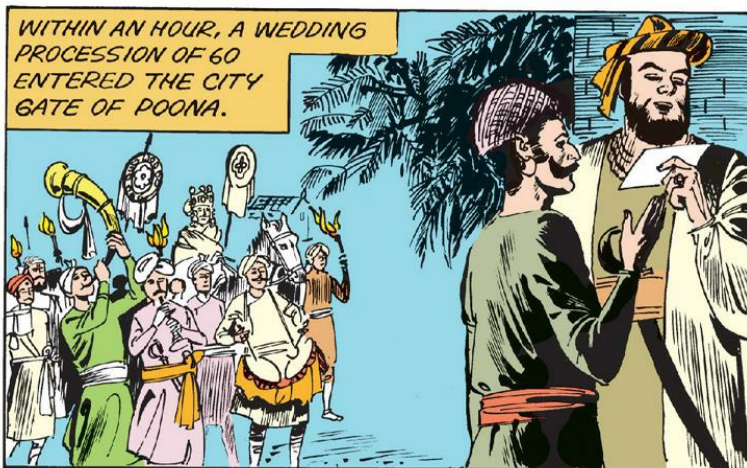


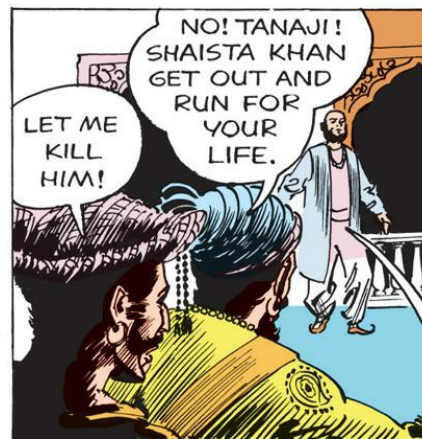


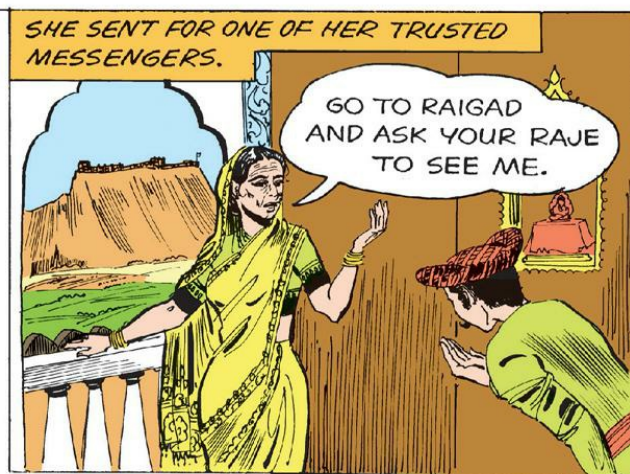
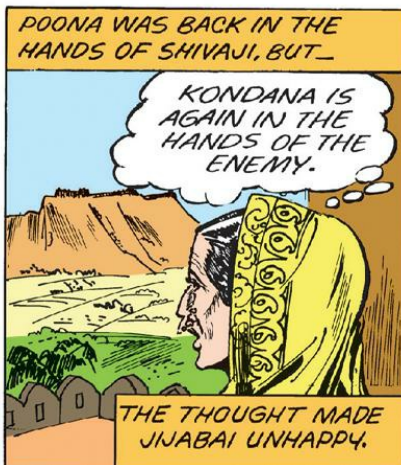
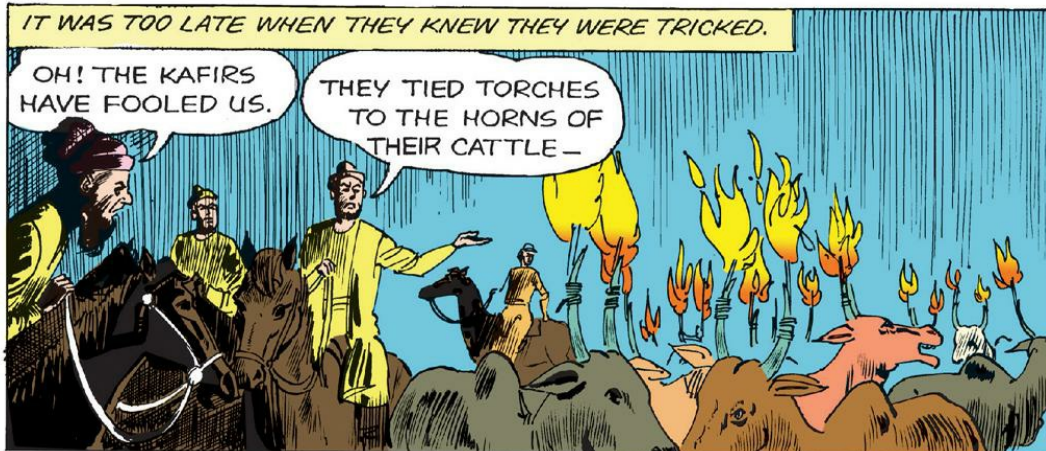






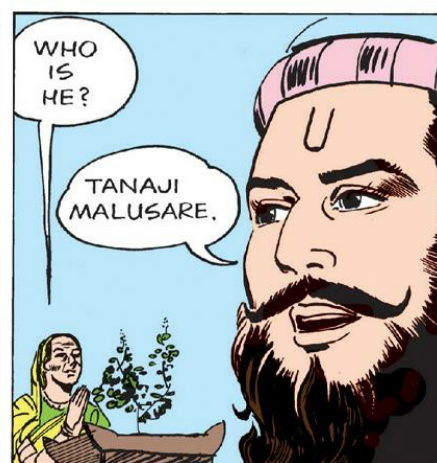
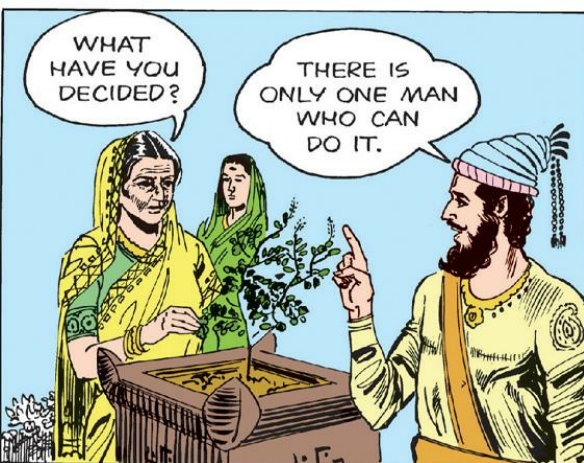
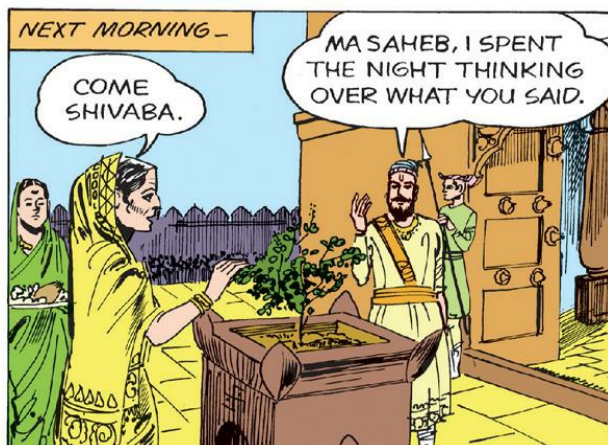
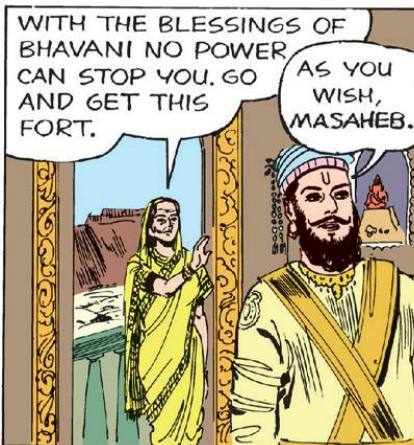


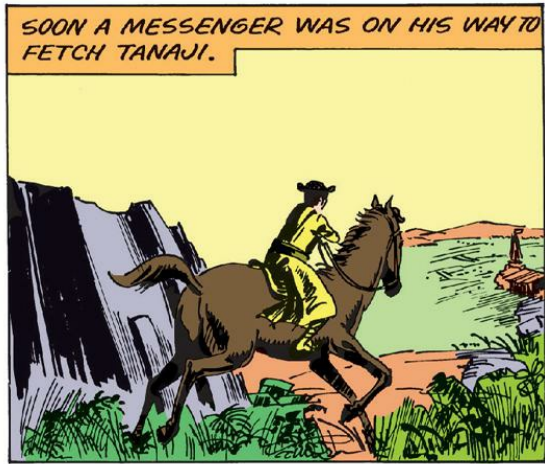
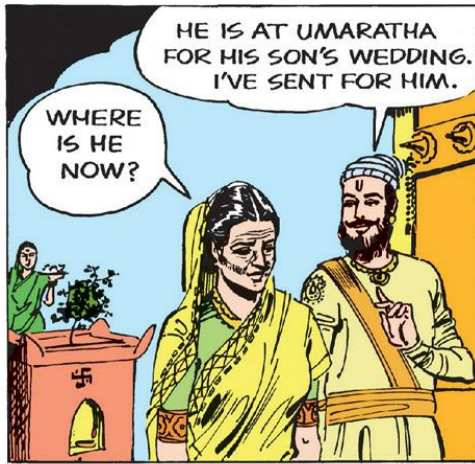


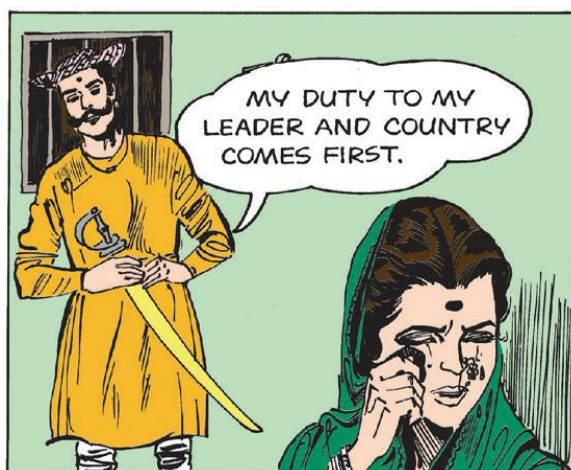
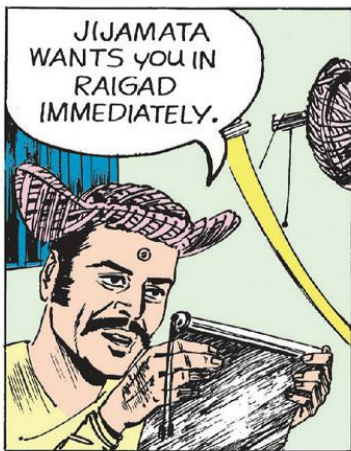
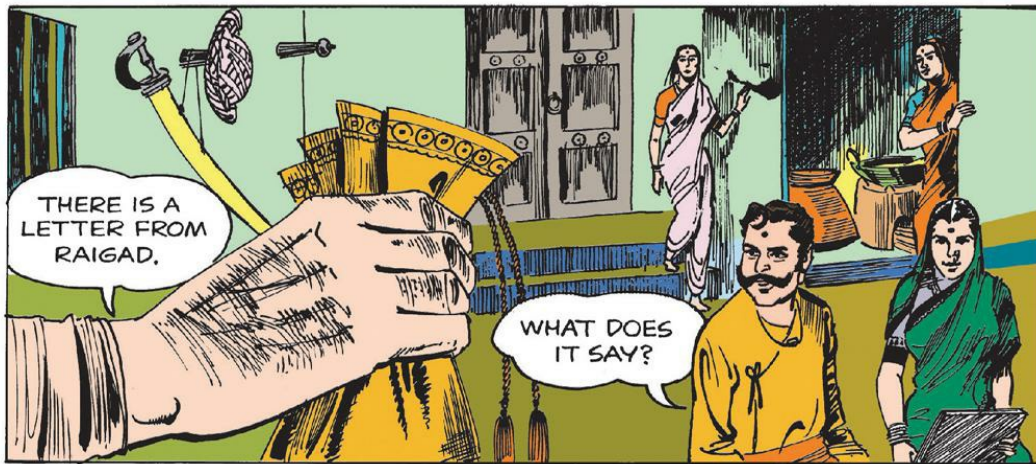


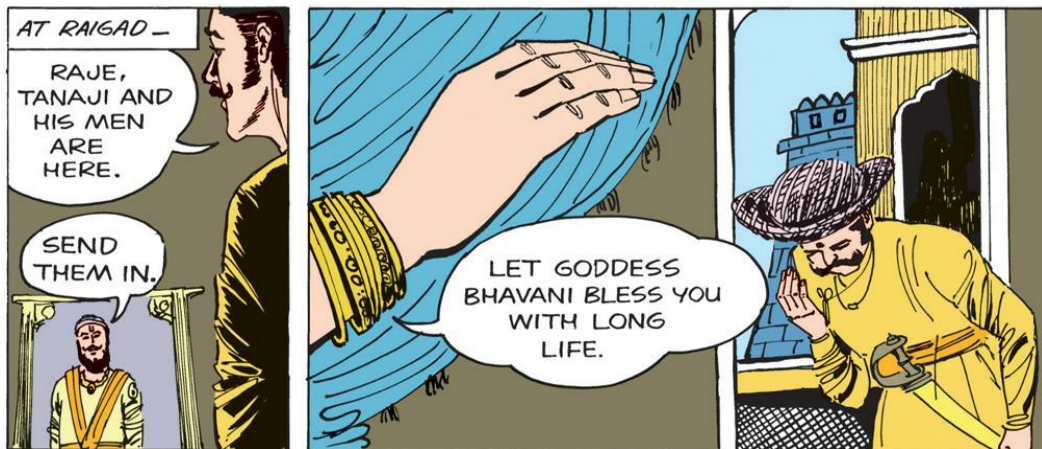


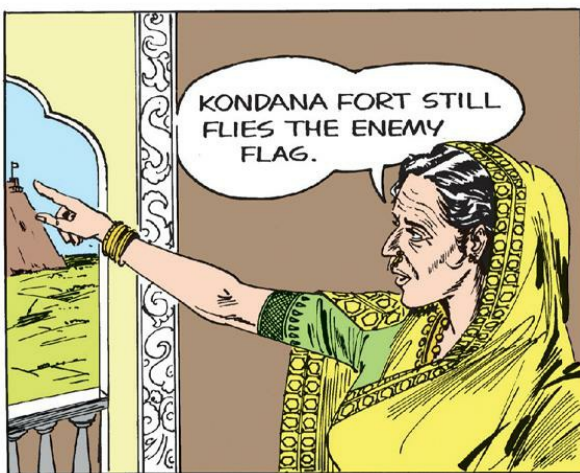
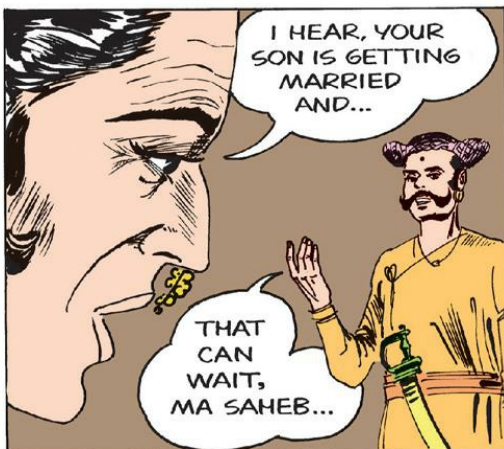




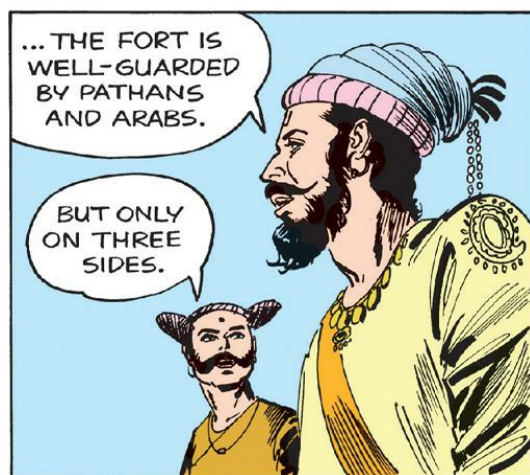
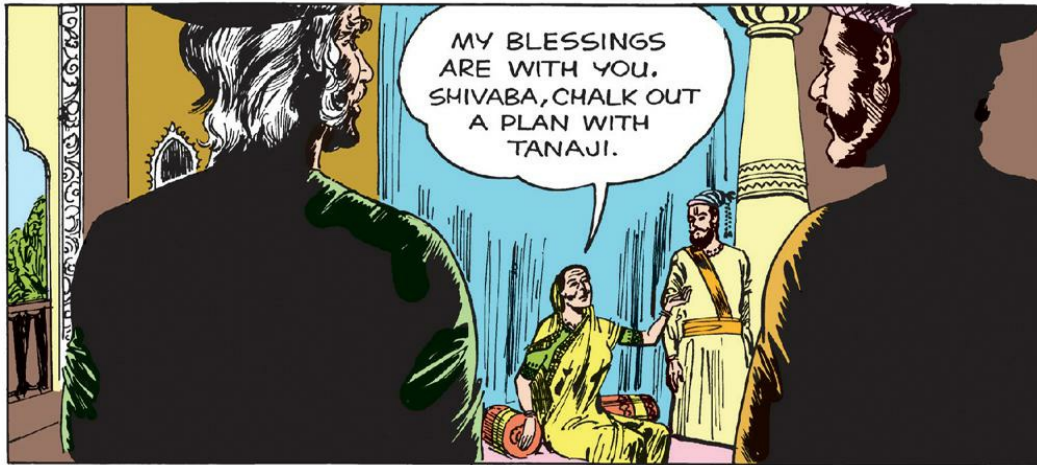


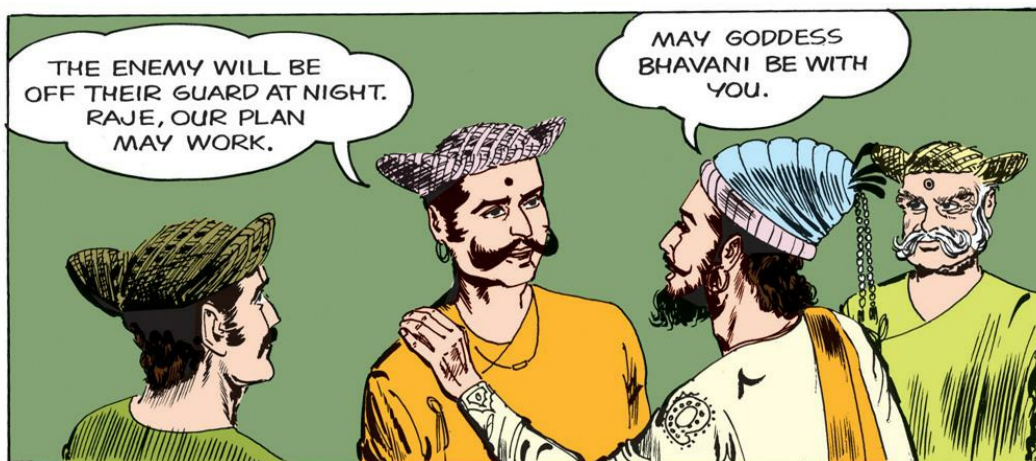




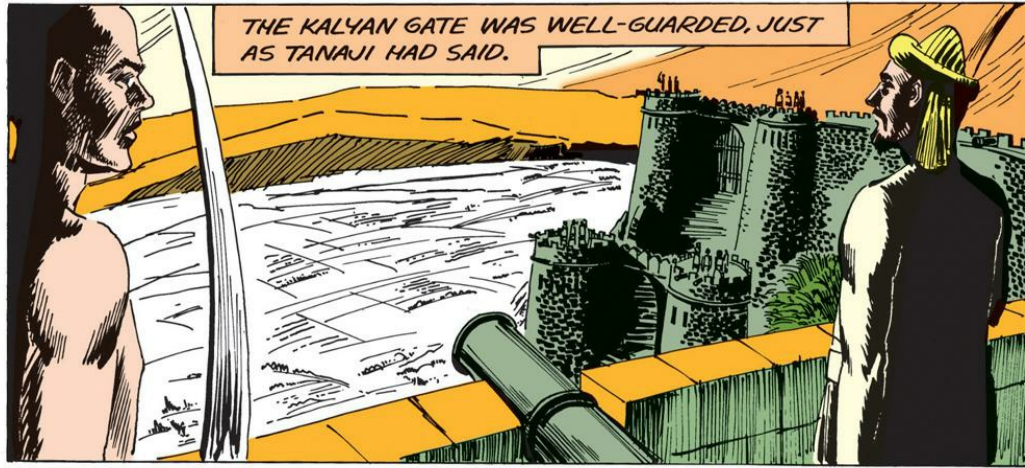


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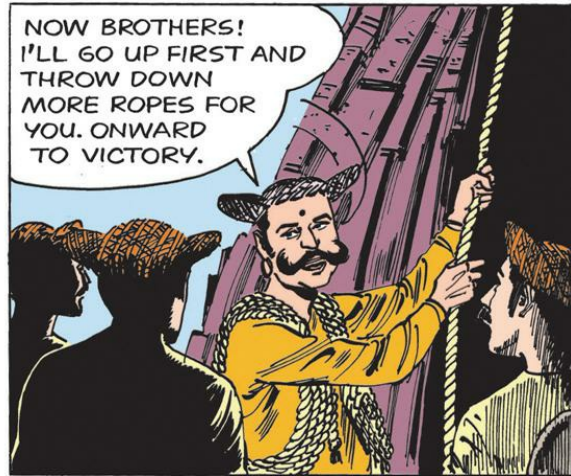




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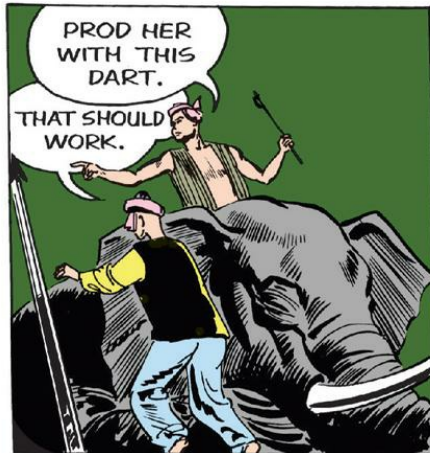


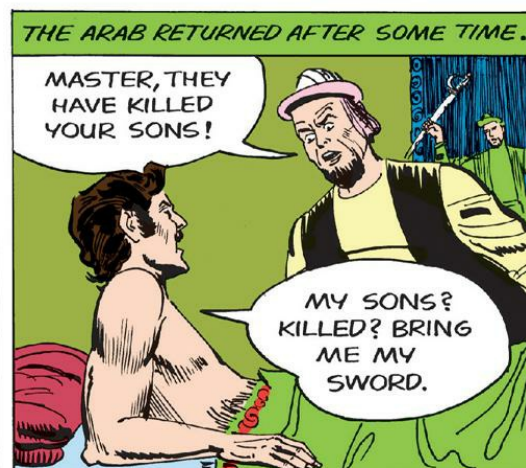
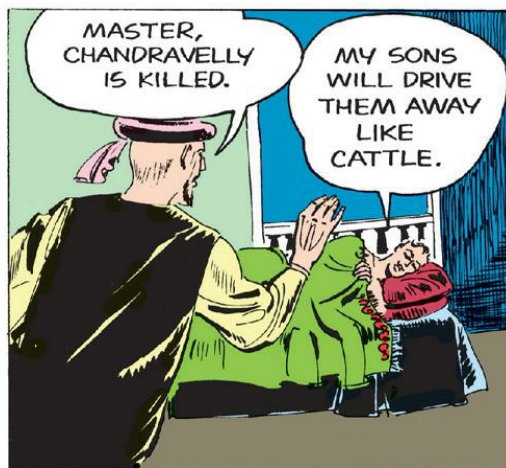
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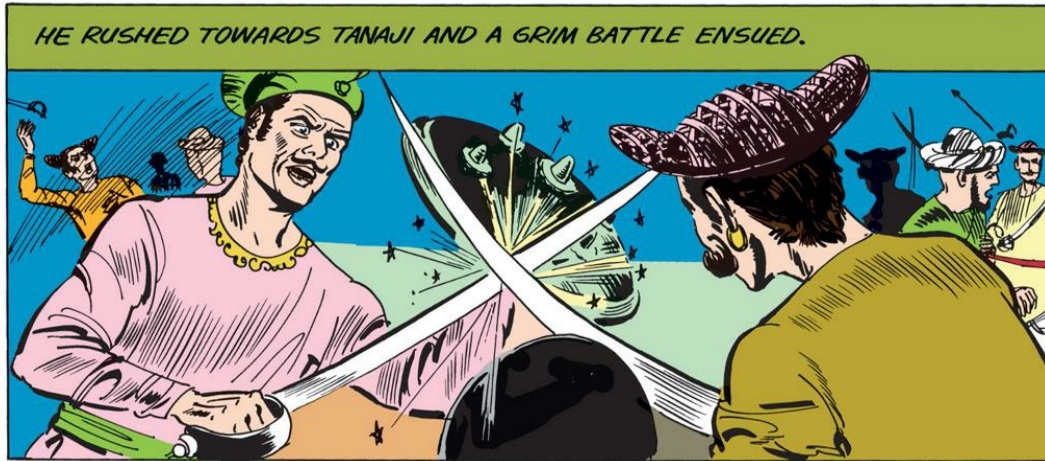
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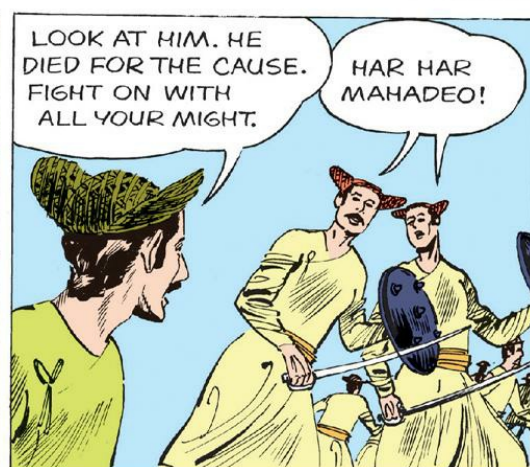


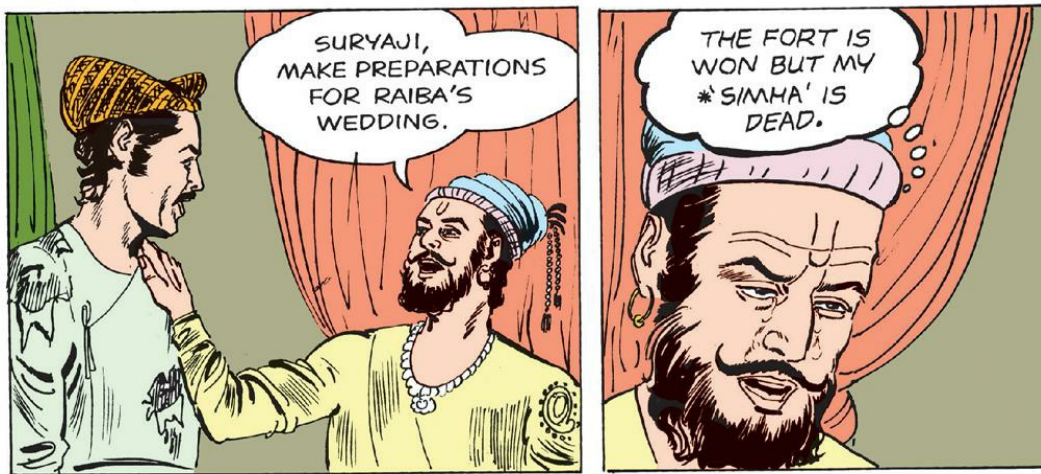
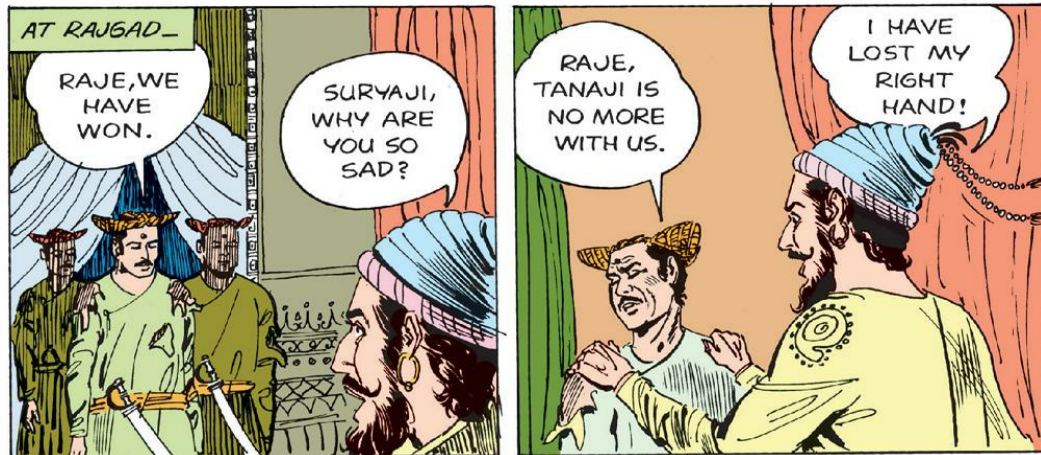
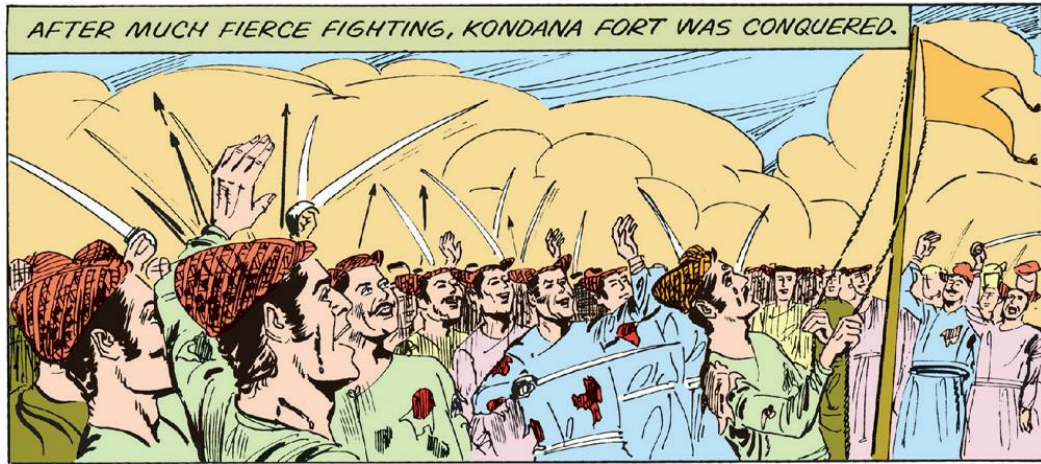




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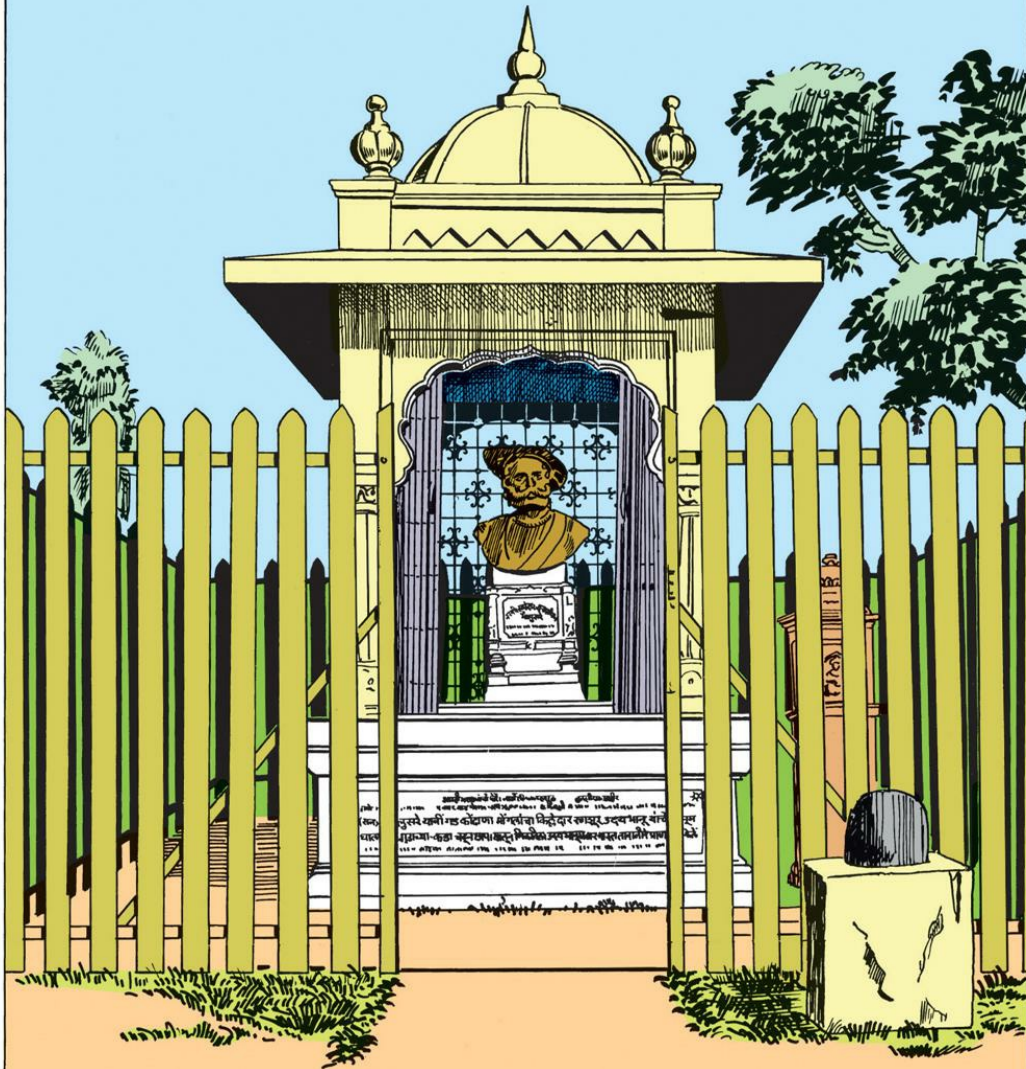






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THE "SIMHA" WAS DEAD BUT HIS MEMORY WAS KEPT ALIVE. KONDANA FORT RECEIVED A NEW NAME - SIMHAGAD.



AT SIMHAGAD SHIVAJI BUILT A MONUMENT ON THE SPOT WHERE TANAJI WAS KILLED AND TILL THIS DAY IT IS KNOWN AS 'VIRASANA'.

WHICH OF THE ACKs HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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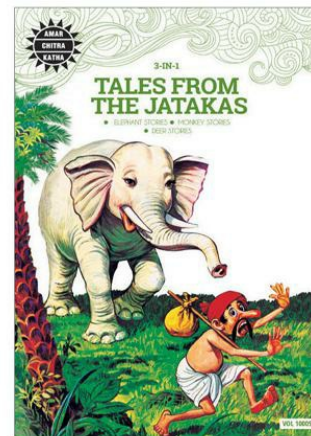
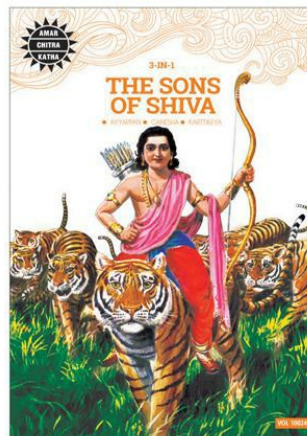
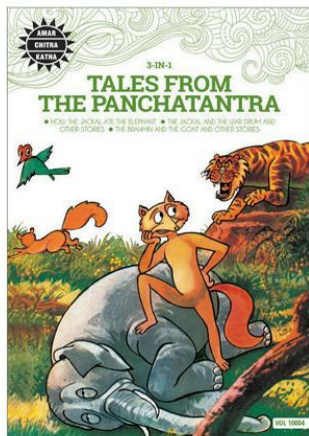
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